Iris douglasiana

Douglas or Coast Iris

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL

1 - 2' high, 2' spread.

Forms clumps from perennial rhizomes.

Long narrow leaves.

Flowers blue/lavender, cream - February to May.

Native habitat: coastal prairie, mixed evergreen forest -Santa Barbara County to Oregon.

Sun (in cooler areas), part to full shade.

Frost resistant.

Can tolerate heavy soil. Loose, rich soil encourages growth and spreading of rhizomes.

Needs some year-round water (1 - 2 x /month once established.

Good border or accent plant. Lovely in clumps, mats, among or under trees and shrubs.



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