

# Yellow Iris

The water-loving yellow iris can be found along the margins of waterways and ponds, and in wet woodlands, fens and saltmarshes. Often mingled among other reedbed plants, its large, bright yellow flowers appear between May and August; they are thought to be the inspiration for the fleur-de-lis symbol, which is used in heraldry.

## How to identify

The yellow iris has tall reed stems that are sometimes branched. Its long, narrow leaves are grey-green and sword-like and may droop at the ends. Its large, yellow flower petals fold back on themselves and hang down around the outer edges of the flower.



Although it grows in wet sites it can adapt to somewhat drier sites in moist to wet gardens. Plant in full sun in boggy sites or pond edges. Take care to prevent this plant from escaping into the wild.

### **USDA Plant Hardiness Zone:**

5b, 5a, 6b, 6a, 7b, 7a, 9b, 9a