

Dwarf Iris Cultivars *Iris* species



Bloom: Late Feb- March

Origins

Iris cristata is native to the southeast United States, and but many types of dwarf irises have been planted over the years that are native to Europe and Asia.

Folklore

[In Greek mythology] "Iris was the messenger of the gods and the rainbow linking earth with other worlds. She escorted souls along her iridescent bridge to another life, and she herself used it to join the thoughts of gods and men. She was that longed-for connection to those whom we love intensely, but who are suffering without our awareness" (Wells, 104).



Bearded, Beardless, or Crested?







Look for it...

Dwarf irises are scattered above the William Andrew Wood Garden and along the John Clayton Trail.

