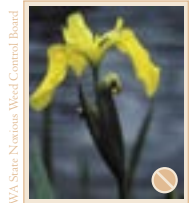


INVASIVE AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

*Yellow Flag Iris*  
*Iris pseudacorus*

WITH ITS SHOWY YELLOW FLOWERS and dense, lance-shaped leaves, yellow flag iris has been a popular addition to ornamental ponds and water gardens. However, this emergent wetland plant quickly spreads through underground rhizomes and rhizome fragments. It naturalizes along streams, canals, and shorelines in Washington, particularly near developed areas. Yellow flag iris can completely outcompete native wetland plants along the shoreline, and its dense, root-like mat collects sediment and severely reduces water flow, affecting fish, plants, and animals.



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RECOMMENDED AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

*Japanese Iris*  
*Iris ensata*, 'Variegata' & cultivars

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL IRIS for pond edges and bogs.

- Ideal for wet boggy areas and edge-of-pond plantings, easy to grow
- Elegant large flowers of white, purple, and violet blue form in late spring and early summer (a little after yellow flag iris)
- Foliage can reach 16 inches, the scale of the plant is smaller than *iris pseudacorus*
- The foliage of the cultivar 'Variegata' offers a creamy white and green foliar accent to pond plantings

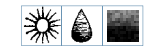


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RECOMMENDED AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

*Laevigata Iris*  
*Iris laevigata* & cultivars

A TRUE WATER LOVING IRIS, beautiful in and out of flower.



- Ideal replacement for yellow flag iris in pond plantings, *laevigata* iris will grow well in 6 inches of water. It is also good for wet boggy areas and easy to grow.
- Flowers are large white, purple, lavender, and pink. Yellow blooming varieties are rare.
- Blooms later than yellow flag iris
- Foliage can reach 18 inches, so the scale of the plant is smaller than *Iris pseudacorus*



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*Siberian Iris*  
*Iris sibirica* & hybrids such as 'Butter & Sugar', 'Sunfisher' (both yellow blooming)



A VERY VERSATILE, easy-to-grow iris—the one to pick, other than a bearded iris, if you want yellow flowers.

- Good for mixed borders with normal water needs; also suitable for damp sites, but not for standing water
- Flower colors range from white to purple to blue-purple to yellow
- Foliage usually 2 feet or less, flowers taller, the plant is smaller than *Iris pseudacorus*
- An easy plant to grow and beautiful in and out of bloom, blooms May-June



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ADDITIONAL AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS  
*Iris setosa*, *Iris missouriensis*, *Iris versicolor*, *Iris virginicum*, *Lysichiton americanum*, *Sisyrinchium californicum*, *Iris x germanica* (a bearded iris)