

Algerian iris 'Walter Butt'

Iris unguicularis 'Walter Butt' Also known as: ***Iris stylosa* 'Walter Butt', Sword Lily 'Walter Butt', Iris 'Walter Butt', flag 'Walter Butt'**

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This description is for species **Algerian iris** (*Iris unguicularis*):

Iris unguicularis is a clump forming herbaceous perennial. Commonly called Algerian iris, *i. unguicularis* flowers during late winter and produces fragrant deep violet blooms. These contrast beautifully with the specimen's many dark green leaves. Algerian iris should be planted in full sun and given well-drained soil. It dislikes too much moisture, and sand can be added to compost to improve drainage. *I. unguicularis* is ideally planted at the base of a sunny wall. It can also be used in herbaceous borders needing some winter colour, or in well-drained containers.



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| Known dangers? yes | Acidity Neutral Alkaline | Standard category Flowers & bulbs Perennials |
| Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have severe stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin. | Hardiness zone Z7-9 | Grown for Attractive Flowers |
| Height [m] 0.3 - 0.6 | Heat zone H9-7 | Creative category Fine fragrants For Beginners Colours Show-offs For birds & bees Roses & classics For every season |

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| Spread [m] 0.5 | Winter temperatures [°C] -18 - -1 | Garden type Cottage garden |
| Dominant flower colour Violet | Heat days 60 - 150 | Garden spaces Flower beds Walls, trellises and pergolas Borders |
| Flower Fragrance Yes, let it smell | Moisture well-drained | Gardening expertise beginner |
| Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring | Soil type sandy chalky loams | Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years |
| Foliage in spring Green | Sun requirements Full sun | |
| Foliage in summer Green | Exposure Exposed Sheltered | |
| Foliage in Autumn Green | | |
| Foliage in winter Green | | |
| Propagation methods seed division | | |
| Growth habit Compact Erect | | |