PLANT FACT SHEET

Iris pseudacorus L.

GENUS *Iris* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow flag, Yellow Iris

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Rhizome, Root

The peeled and dried rhizome is used for flavouring.
The seeds are roasted and used for coffee.
The starch of the root is a famine food used for extending bread flour, after removal of the bitter element.

DESCRIPTION

A perennial plant. It grows 90-150 cm high and 30-45 cm wide. It is a beardless iris. It has rhizomes. The leaves are blue-green. They are strong and stiff and sword shaped. They are 2.5 cm wide and 1 m long. The flowers are yellow. They are 8-9 cm across. They have brown veins which radiate out and an orange spot near the throat. The seeds are flat and float.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. It flourishes in marshy ground and shallow water. It will grow in water 15-23 cm deep. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants grow easily from seeds. They can also be grown from rhizomes.

NOTES

There are about 300 Iris species. It can be invasive.

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