

I. ensata aka Japanese Iris Care

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- **Keep Moist Until Planting**
- I. ensata like to not necessarily be wet but to have constant moisture and an acid soil
- We plant our ensatas an inch below the soil level. In Sunny locations or in our hot climate with some afternoon shade if possible. In cooler zones full sun may be preferred.
- Our soil preparation includes adding 3 gallons of peat mixed in with one bag of mulch then mix this thoroughly into the clay soil we have. (This works well for us with blueberries as well). If you already have good soil this may not be necessary. Then we water in thoroughly eliminating excess air pockets at planting time.
- Mulch on top is recommended in areas prone to prolonged dry spells. Also water every week or every other week when dry.
- Fertilizing annually or lightly twice a year may help maintain the best health of the plant.

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For more info on Iris check out the American Iris
Society!

PSEUDATA IRIS CARE

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- Pseudata iris are a cross between I. pseudacorus and I.ensata (Japanese).
- They are very hardy for me growing well when mulched and thrive with the occasional watering during a dry spell but are also fairly drought resistant. If you forget a week or two of watering during a dry spell they are ok especially in mulch.
- Grow in full sun or light shade.
- Addition of mulch, peat or other organic matter to break up clay soil or help sandy soil is ideal. Then mulch on top.
- Water in thoroughly when planting and make sure there are no air pockets around the Iris.
- Fertilize when planting but don't let it touch the rhizome. Then a tablespoon of 6-24-24 or some organic fertilizer in fall or spring before they bloom is beneficial.
- They do not seem to be particular about soil ph for the most part.

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