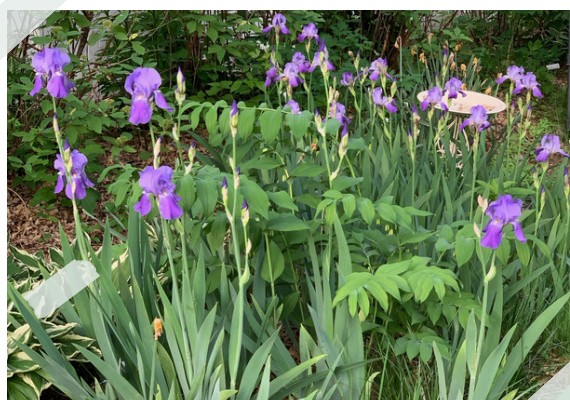


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Design Ideas



“Wild Nature” Design

- ✓ Grow among native plants like lupines, alliums, baptisia, etc.
- ✓ As blooms fade, foliage will offer some nice texture and color
- ✓ Use a wooded area as a background for some nice framing
- ✓ Though you’re going for a wild look, avoid mulch or leaf litter as these attract iris borer moths



Water Garden Design

- ✓ Water features mimic riverbanks and bogs, a natural habitat for certain irises (Blue Flag, Louisiana or Siberian)
- ✓ Decorative rocks and other landscaping offer a pleasing aesthetic
- ✓ Devices that add motion to the water provide an idyllic “sound” (and decrease mosquito larvae!)
- ✓ Grow with other classic water garden plants like hostas, creeping phlox, and little bluestem grass



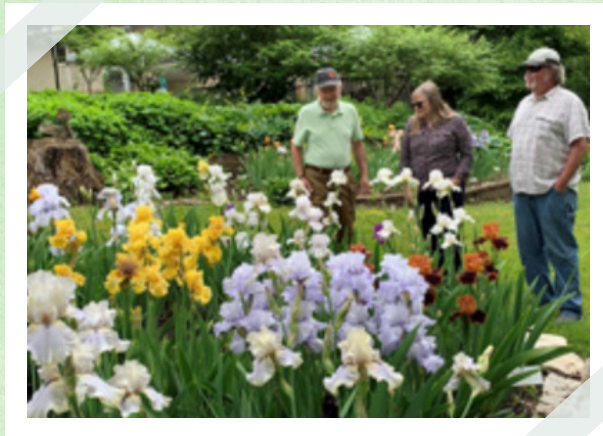
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More Design Ideas



Standalone with Edging

- ✓ Stone or wood edging provide the best look for a "tidy" garden
- ✓ Place similar types together or mix it up for blooms throughout the season
- ✓ Add other features, like benches or statuary, for a magical setting
- ✓ Perfect for putting on garden tours!



Clump Arrangements

- ✓ A good starter garden, providing opportunities for dividing and moving later
- ✓ Odd numbers of plants and contrasting colors look best together
- ✓ Great for larger spaces and to use as an educational opportunity
- ✓ May need the most attention to keep looking tidy throughout the year

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