*Iris versicolor*Blue flag, Blue water iris





Spring/Summer Flower

Green Summer Foliage

Characteristics: Herbaceous, Perennial, Nonpersistent

Appearance:

Height - Up to 4 ft. **Flower Color** - Blue or violet **Flowering Period** - May through July

Habitat: Swamps, Marshes, and Wet Shores

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Obligate wetland
Salinity - Fresh to moderately brackish
Non-Tidal Regime - Regularly to permanently inundated up to 0.5 feet or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: Food for wildfowl, marsh birds, and persists as cover within a growing season under heavy grazing.

Distribution: Newfoundland to Manitoba, south to Virginia and Minnesota.