

Types of German bearded iris	Height of bloom stalks	Bloom time
MDB: Miniature Dwarf Bearded	Under 8" tall	First iris to bloom in spring
SDB: Standard Dwarf Bearded	8" to 16" tall	Blooms 1 month before TBs
IB: Intermediate Bearded	16" to 27 ½" tall	Blooms after SDB, before TB
BB: Border Bearded	16" to 27 ½" tall	Blooms with TBs
MTB: Miniature Tall Bearded	16" to 27 ½" tall	Blooms with TBs
TB: Tall Bearded	over 27 ½" tall	Blooms late May to mid-June

Iris Basics

Standards:	The 3 upright petals on top of the iris bloom
Falls:	The 3 lower petals on the iris bloom
Beard:	Fuzzy attachment at the base of each fall
Style Arms:	3 small stiff parts inside the bloom and extending out to the beard
Hafts:	Top part of fall on either side of the beard where it is attached to the stem
Horns:	Extension of the beard that is detached and extending upward from the fall
Space Age Iris:	Have horizontal falls and horns

Iris Color Terms

Self:	Standards and falls are the same color
Bitone:	Standards and falls are a different shade of the same color
Bicolor:	Standards are a different color from the falls
Amoena:	White standards with colored falls
Neglecta:	Standards and falls are blue or purple bitones
Variegata:	Standards are shade of yellow and falls are a different color
Plicata:	Contrasting color on the iris comprised of small dots or speckles
Luminata:	Style arms and hafts are white or yellow with the rest of the iris colorful

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