

Iris germanica

COMMON NAME

bearded iris

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Iris germanica L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1868

ORIGIN

Origin Doubtful

ETYMOLOGY

iris: From the Greek iris 'rainbow', presumably in reference to the many colours of the flowers (Johnson and Smith, 1986).

germanica: Of Germany

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning*. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/iris-germanica/>



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