



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Yellow African Iris, Fortnight Lily

Scientific Name: *Dietses bicolor*

Family: Iridaceae

Genus: *Dietses*

Species: *D. bicolor*

Height:

Spacing:

Sun Exposure:

2'-3'

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Full sun to part shade

Bloom Color: Pale Yellow with dark brown tepal blotches. Tepals have dark markings that are outlined in orange

Bloom Time: blooms continuously throughout the year; strongest flowering will occur in spring and again in summer.

Other Details:

Native to South Africa, this plant looks amazing as groundcover, in a potted container, or in a rock or woodland garden. It has grass-like features and dainty flowers that allow it to stand on its own in any garden. Plus, it is low maintenance which is a plus for any busy gardener.

Soil Requirements: good drainage, no special requirements, poor salt tolerance.

Water Requirements: Drought tolerant when established, water once a week.

Propagation Methods:

Start new plantings by dividing older clumps or collecting and sowing seeds. Place woody rhizomes 12" apart, 1 per sq. ft. and bury to a depth of 1".

Known Uses:

Perfect in masses under larger trees or as a landscape plant you want to draw attention to. Mass plantings of African Iris will instantly turn a drab tucked away corner of the yard into a landscape showpiece.