Blue Flag Iris
(Iris versicolor)

2-4' tall, graceful robust, slowly spreading clumps.

CT native, found by shores, in marshes, swamps, wet meadows, wet ditches, shallow water.

2.5-4" boldly-veined violet-blue flowers with yellow and white markings at base of falls; 2-4 flowers on sturdy stalks held above leaves, May-June.

Arching to erect narrow sword-like blue-green leaves.

Sun to part shade. Moist to wet soil, or up to 2-4" of water. Prefers sandy loamy. Not demanding. Can be grown in most gardens.

Use in moist borders, beside or in pond/ water gardens, bogs, or meadows.

Stream buffers.

The yellow and white markings on the flowers direct birds and insects to the nectar.

Provides food and cover for water fowl, marsh birds.

Attracts hummingbirds and bees.

Provides nectar to Silver-bordered Fritillary, Bronze Copper, Two-Spotted Skipper.

Photo 1
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