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Estabrook's

DWARF CRESTED IRIS CARE

LIGHT

Dwarf crested iris is a low, spreading woodland perennial. Give it partial shade or gentle morning sun. It can tolerate more sun with reliable moisture. Avoid a hot, dry afternoon exposure. Its small spring flowers are best enjoyed along paths or at the front of beds.

WATER

Water regularly after planting to establish the shallow root system. Thereafter, maintain moderate moisture while avoiding waterlogged soil. Established plants tolerate some dry shade, but severe drought can reduce growth. Check beneath tree canopies, where rainfall may not reach the roots.

SOIL & PLANTING

Provide loose, humus-rich, well-drained soil. Plant at nursery depth with the shallow rhizomes near the soil surface. Do not bury under deep soil or heavy mulch. Spread plants to allow a colony to form without crowding delicate neighboring plants.

FEEDING

A light addition of leaf mold or compost is usually sufficient. Avoid rich, repeated feeding, which can favor foliage over bloom. If soil is deficient, use fertilizer sparingly according to the label and keep it away from exposed rhizomes.

SEASONAL CARE

Leave healthy foliage after spring bloom to support next year's flowers. Remove dead leaves and debris as needed. Divide or lift small sections after flowering when colonies become crowded, replanting promptly and watering well. Avoid disturbing all of a small colony at once.

HELPFUL TIPS

This woodland iris needs different care from tall bearded and wetland irises. Watch for slugs and snails on tender growth. Good drainage remains essential even in shade. Do not eat rhizomes or leaves; iris sap may irritate skin, so wear gloves when handling divisions.