

BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Iris douglasiana 'Canyon Snow'
Canyon Snow Iris



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Plant Introduction Program "Branching Out" is dedicated to increasing awareness, appreciation, and availability of outstanding California native plants for landscapes and gardens.

BOTANICAL NAME _____ *Iris douglasiana*

CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Canyon Snow'

COMMON NAME _____ Canyon Snow Iris

FAMILY NAME _____ Iridaceae

ORIGIN _____ Selected by Horticulturist Dara Emery from a batch of *Iris douglasiana* 'Alba' seed.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ One of the loveliest of the Pacific Coast Hybrid irises, this clone has pure white flowers that consist of three erect standards and three broad falls held perpendicular to the stem. Each fall is highlighted by a yellow patch at the base. This rhizomatous iris, with its bright shiny green foliage, slowly spreads to form clumps up to 4 ft across.

'Canyon Snow' received the American Iris Society's Sidney B. Mitchell award in 1978.

WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Tolerates drought in southern California, but also accepts summer water.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Wide soil tolerance, but loamy clay perhaps best.

EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Part shade or sun.

PESTS AND DISEASES _____ No known problems.

HARDINESS _____ Zones 4-9, 14-24. Hardy to 0 F.

LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ A wonderful addition to the perennial border, a meadow garden, for high shade under native oaks or other trees, or paired with roses as a ground cover.

PROPAGATION _____ Division of rhizome in autumn.

SALES POTENTIAL _____ Particularly desirable in gallon containers when in bloom in spring, however, better when planted in the fall.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ El Nativo Growers (<http://www.elnativogrowers.com/>)
 Elkhorn Native Plant Nursery (<http://www.elkhornnursery.com/>)
 Magic Growers
 Native Sons Nursery (<http://nativeson.com/home2.html>)
 San Marcos Growers (<http://www.smgrowers.com/>)
 Suncrest Nurseries (<http://www.suncrestnurseries.com/>)
 Tree of Life Nursery (<http://www.treeoflifenuresery.com/>)

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