

**Invasive Out**



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**Native In**



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**Yellow Iris**  
*Iris pseudacorus*

- Designated by the State of Maine as “Severely Invasive”
- Clogs waterways
- Toxic to grazing animals
- Seed capsules have about 120 seeds each, and can germinate even after burning.

**Blue Flag Iris**  
*Iris versicolor*

- Native to NE N.America
- May-June blooms in full sun to part shade in moist areas
- Benefits caterpillars, pollinators, butterflies, & hummingbirds.

<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/iris/versicolor/>

**Resources and other native to North America plant choices**

Note: There are no yellow irises native to Maine, but these may satisfy the same color and growing conditions:

**Marsh Marigold – *Caltha palustris*** is a groundcover with early spring yellow flowers that look purple to bees.

<https://mainenativeplants.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Marsh-Marigold-2.pdf>

**Golden Alexanders - *Zizia aurea*** grows 1’-3’ in sun to part shade that hosts 3 caterpillar species with its yellow spring flowers.

<https://mainenativeplants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GoldenAlexander.pdf>