



Emerald Goddess Gardens

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Botanical Name	Neomarcia gracillis	
Common Name	Walking Iris, Apostle Iris	
Mature Size	2'x2'	
Bloom Color	White and Blue	
Bloom Period	Spring	
Boom Form	Iris	
Water	Uniform moisture	
Light	Best in moderate shade	
USDA Zone	8, 9, 10, 11	
Fragrance	Light	
Uses	Borders, Naturalizing	
Special Features	Easy to grow, Low Maintenance	

The **White Walking or Apostle Iris** is a lovely old heirloom plant has a long and rich pass-a-long history. It has graced the shaded areas of homesteads, farms, ranches and plantations across the Southern United States for many generations.

Walking Iris is native to Central America. It has become naturalized in some areas of Florida, but there is debate as to exactly when and how it made it's way here.

This is one of the plants that is often seen in old landscapes, but is not commonly available in the commercial nursery trade.

They are called walking iris because the long stem where the short lived flowers are born arch over and touch the soil when the bloom is spent, and new a plantlet will form, so they will quickly 'walk' to cover and expand.

The name 'Apostle Iris' because it was commonly thought it would not flower until 12 fans were present, as is often the case, however in reality fans of 6 to 8 blades with bloom are just as common.

The foliage is long, deep green and lance like. Mature height is about 2'. In the late winter to early spring, the plant produces 3 foot spikes that are tipped with white iris bearing brown speckled stripes and blue centers. The flowers are lightly fragrant and typically last one day, but continue to flower over a period of several weeks in the spring.

For the best results plant in soil that can be maintained uniformly moist, but not soggy wet. A partially shaded location that is protected from the afternoon soon is the best placement. It can be grown as a potted indefinitely and can be grown indoors.

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