

Iris cristata

Dwarf Crested Iris

Lavender flowers at ground level in spring. Prefers organically rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade. Will tolerate close to full shade. If grown in full sun, the soil must be kept consistently moist. Plants will quickly naturalize by branching rhizomes, forming dense colonies. Typically occurs on rocky, wooded slopes, on bluffs, and along streams.

Highly resistant to damage from deer.

Wildlife Value: Flowers attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, bumblebees and small mammals.

