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Botanical Name: Dietes bicolor
Common Names: African Iris, Fortnight Lily, Peacock Flower,
Native: No
Foliage Type: Evergreen
Plant Type: Grasses, Strappy & Tufting
Plant Habit: Clumping, Dense, Tufting

Description:

An evergreen, rhizomatous perennial with upright, lime-green leaves growing to approx 1m in length. This Dietes forms a dense clump of foliage to approx 90cm. Pale yellow iris-like flowers appear spring and throughout summer. Mass plant for a showy display, use dotted throughout borders or as a low, informal hedge.

Mature Height: 60cm-1m **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade
Mature Width: 60cm-1m **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

Family Name: Iridaceae

Origin: Africa

Characteristics:

Foliage Colours: Green

Flower Colours: Yellow

Flower Fragrant: No

Flowering Season: Spring, Summer

Fruit: Yes

Requirements:

Growth Rate: Fast

Maintenance Level: Low

Water Usage: Low

Tolerances:

Drought: High

Frost: High

Wind: High

Landscape Use(s): Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Erosion Control, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Park And Gardens, Playgrounds, Rockery, Roundabouts / Splitters, Tropical Garden, Verge, Container / Pot, Under Trees

Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

Cultural Notes:

Prefers full sun to part shade in well drained soil. Water well in dry spells. Can be cut back hard late in winter if plant is looking tired to refresh. Water well in really dry weather. Easy to propagate - lift and divide plant. Fertilise after trimming and water well to encourage fresh re-growth.

Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Mulch well

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