

COMMON NAME:
ROCKY MOUNTAIN IRIS

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
IRIS MISSOURIENSIS

ALSO CALLED: WESTERN BLUE, FLAGWILD IRIS, WILD IRIS, AND SNAKE LILY

FLOWER COLOR: BLUE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: NORMALLY SINGLE FLOWER AT END OF STALK

LEAVES: ON STEMS, SHAPE, COLOR, AND SIZE

NORMAL SIZE: 12" TO 18"

POISONOUS: YES

NORMAL ELEVATION: 6000' TO 9000'

HABITATION: THEY ARE MOUNTAIN DWELLERS USUALLY FOUND ON SLOPES AND CANYONS OF PINE FORESTS

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: LONG DAGGER LEAVES WITH LARGE DIVIDED DROOPING PETALS

SPECIAL INTEREST: IT IS SAID THAT THE PLAINS INDIANS MAY HAVE USED THIS PLANTS POISON ON ARROWS.