



(plural irises or iris or irides | Iris | ai-ruhs | 'i:.rɪs)

The Iris is a flowering plant with over 300 species. The name is from the Greek word ἶρις iris. The word means rainbow, also the name for the Greek goddess of the rainbow, Iris. The plant comes in various colours, all of the colours of the rainbow, each with a special meaning and was heavily featured in Greek mythology. Ancient Greeks would plant irises on the graves of their loved ones in hopes that the goddess Iris would help connect their souls to heaven. **NATIONAL FLOWER:** The Iris is the national flower of France

LGBTQIA+ FIRSTS: After the French Revolution in 1789, a new penal code was developed that did not refer to same-sex relations. It was not until 1810 that the code formally left out references to homosexuality, making France the first country to decriminalize homosexuality

