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<b>SPECIES</b>	<i>Dietes grandiflora</i>
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Large Wild Iris
<b>ORIGIN</b>	South Africa
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	For public gardens, commercial premises and along roadsides



#### HEIGHT

1.5m

#### SPREAD

1m

#### HABIT

Grow from underground rhizomes and may be found in full sun or partial shade at forest margins, or in the shelter of taller shrubs on exposed slopes facing the sea.

#### FORM

The long, rigid, sword-shaped leaves are held in a fan shape. The leaves are dark green and may reach up to 1m long and 15-20mm wide.

#### FLOWERS

The attractive flowers are large (about 100mm across) and are white with yellow nectar guides and outer tepals and violet central segments. The flowers are held on erect, slender stems which are about 1m in length.

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

often after rain in summer

#### VARIATIONS

- D. bicolor* (has cream or yellow flowers)
- D. iridioides* (has white flowers marked with yellow and violet)
- D. robinsoniana* (has white flowers with attractive yellow centres)

#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

The plants are both frost and drought hardy and will grow in either sun or shade. However, for best results and most flowers, plant *Dietes grandiflora* in full sun or light shade.

#### HORTICULTURE

It thrives well in well composted, well drained soil and water well in summer.

#### REFERENCES

- <http://www.plantzafrica.com/plantcd/dietesgrand.htm>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietes\\_grandiflora](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dietes_grandiflora)

