**Iris shrevei – Wild Iris**

**COMMON NAME:** Wild Iris, Blue Flag

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Iris shrevei* - Iris was the Greek goddess of the rainbow. Forrest Shreve (1878-1950) was a botanist who spent much of his life in Arizona studying the desert plants and how water affects them.

**FLOWER COLOR:** Blue, with a bright yellow pubescent patch at the base of each of the three sepals.

**BLOOMING PERIOD:** Mid-May to July.

**SIZE:** Flowering stems are 1 to 3 feet tall

**BEHAVIOR:** Grows well in wet locations such as fens and wet prairies, or pond edges. Forms clumps with rhizomes.

**SITE REQUIREMENTS:** Full sunlight and moist soil

**NATURAL RANGE:** Quebec to Minnesota, south to Kansas and North Carolina

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** The showiest parts of the flower are the sepals rather than the petals. The yellow patch at the base of the sepals makes the plant especially attractive. Flat, sword-shaped leaves.

**COMPANION PLANTS:** Meadow-rue and marsh milkweed.