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Blue Ivory Hosta

Hosta 'Blue Ivory'

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

A show, medium sized variety featuring dense mounds of blue-0green leaves with wide, creamy white margins; lavender flowers appear in mid-summer; adds texture, contrast and color to shaded beds, borders and containers; easy to grow and low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Blue Ivory Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. Its attractive textured oval leaves remain blue in color with showy creamy white variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Ivory Hosta is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects



Blue Ivory Hosta foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Blue Ivory Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Blue Ivory Hosta flowers
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Planting & Growing

Blue Ivory Hosta will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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