Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed

Aegopodium podagraria 'Variegata'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 1a

Other Names: Bishop's Weed

Description:

Probably the most durable groundcover of them all; quite stunning, low-growing plant with white variegated foliage. Will spread nicely in afternoon shade.

Ornamental Features

Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed's attractive compound leaves remain green in color with showy white variegation throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover



Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed foliage
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Planting & Growing

Aegopodium, Variegated Bishop's Weed will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 25 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 is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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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