Hosta, White Feather

Hosta 'White Feather'



Hosta, White Feather foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

A curious full shade selection with foliage emerging white and maturing to light green and cream; lavender spikes of flowers appear in early to mid summer; a great selection for shady borders, beds and containers

Ornamental Features

Hosta, White Feather features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive small textured oval leaves emerge white in spring, turning creamy white in color with showy light green variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Hosta, White Feather is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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

Hosta, White Feather is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

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Planting & Growing

Hosta, White Feather will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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. 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. 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.