Rainforest Sunrise Hosta

Hosta 'Rainforest Sunrise'



Rainforest Sunrise Hosta foliage
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Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

This variety produces solid green leaves when they emerge and quickly develop dark green borders and bright gold centers; provides beautiful texture and contrast to other plants; light lavender spikes of flowers in mid-summer

Ornamental Features

Rainforest Sunrise Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive textured oval leaves emerge light green in spring, turning gold in color with distinctive dark green edges throughout the season.

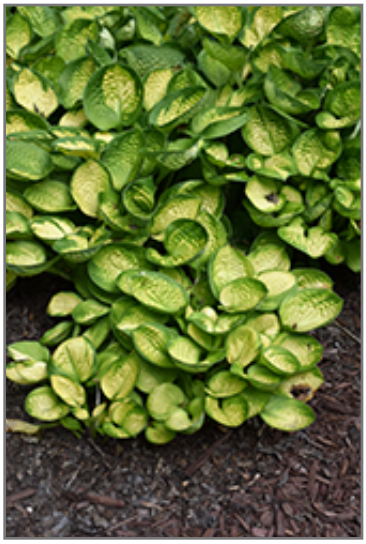
Landscape Attributes

Rainforest Sunrise 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

Rainforest Sunrise Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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

Planting & Growing

Rainforest Sunrise Hosta will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 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 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. 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.