Raspberry Sundae Hosta

Hosta 'Raspberry Sundae'



Raspberry Sundae Hosta
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 9 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

This interesting variety presents green margined leaves with cream center flares on raspberry red stems; provides beautiful texture and contrast to other plants; emerging from red buds, deep lavender-purple flowers on dark red scapes in mid to late summer



Raspberry Sundae Hosta foliage
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Ornamental Features

Raspberry Sundae Hosta features dainty spikes of purple tubular flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. Its attractive textured heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in colour with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of light green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Raspberry Sundae Hosta is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer 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

Raspberry Sundae Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Raspberry Sundae Hosta will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 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.