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Frosted Mouse Ears Hosta

Hosta 'Frosted Mouse Ears'

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Plant Height: 7 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

A dark green leaf center infused with blue-green and a wide white margin; leaf is very round in shape and thick; spikes of purple flowers in early summer; a beautiful contrasting addition to the garden or border edge

Ornamental Features

Frosted Mouse Ears Hosta features dainty spikes of purple tubular flowers rising above the foliage in early summer. Its attractive round leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive white edges and tinges of bluish-green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Frosted Mouse Ears 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

Frosted Mouse Ears Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Frosted Mouse Ears Hosta will grow to be about 7 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 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.