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### Variegated Chameleon Plant

*Houttuynia cordata 'Variegata'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 32 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

#### Ornamental Features

Variegated Chameleon Plant's attractive heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of rose throughout the season. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Variegated Chameleon Plant is a dense 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 high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Variegated Chameleon Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover

#### Planting & Growing

Variegated Chameleon Plant will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 32 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.



*Variegated Chameleon Plant foliage*  
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This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.