Kinkan Leopard Plant

Farfugium japonicum 'Kinkan'



Kinkan Leopard Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Kin Kan, Kincan Leopard Plant, Japanese Ligularia

Description:

Attractive, rounded dark green foliage with creamy edges forms a neat mound; yellow daisy-like double flowers in clusters, atop tall stalks that rise above the foliage; a great accent in shade gardens, works well in containers

Ornamental Features

Kinkan Leopard Plant features showy clusters of yellow daisy flowers rising above the foliage in mid fall. Its attractive glossy round leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Kinkan Leopard Plant is an herbaceous evergreen 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Kinkan Leopard Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Kinkan Leopard Plant will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Kinkan Leopard Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.