Orange Peel Plant

Houttuynia cordata 'Plena'



Orange Peel Plant flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 32 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A rapidly spreading variety producing interesting heart shaped leaves; tiny yellow-green flowers are surrounded by showy white bracts; an excellent pondside plant

Ornamental Features

Orange Peel Plant features dainty chartreuse star-shaped flowers with white bracts at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its attractive fragrant heart-shaped leaves remain green in color with distinctive burgundy edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Orange Peel 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Orange Peel Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Orange Peel 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. 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 performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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 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.