Joy Ride Hosta

Hosta 'Joy Ride'

Plant Height: 16 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

This variety forms a broadly mounded mass of very wavy blue-green leaves with great texture; lovely lavender flowers emerge in mid-summer; provides great contrast to other plants

Ornamental Features

Joy Ride Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive textured pointy leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Joy Ride Hosta is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined 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

Joy Ride Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Joy Ride Hosta
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Joy Ride Hosta flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



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Planting & Growing

Joy Ride Hosta will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. 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 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 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 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.