White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe

Aristolochia fimbriata



White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe foliage
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

A scrambling, trailing variety, excellent for groundcover or hanging over container edges; distinctive round leaves are green with silver veins; highly interesting yellow and burgundy flowers are often lost in the foliage;

Ornamental Features

White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe's attractive tomentose round leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive silver veins throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features unusual burgundy tubular flowers with buttery yellow edges along the stems from late spring to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

White Veined Hardy Dutchman's Pipe is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.