Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant

Farfugium japonicum 'Wavy Gravy'



Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Japanese Ligularia

Description:

A compact selection featuring very wavy foliage, tightly packed on a uniform, rounded plant; yellow daisy-like flowers on upright scapes in fall are not particularly showy, compared to foliage; a great texture in shade gardens, works well in containers

Ornamental Features

Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant's attractive small crinkled lobed leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. It features subtle clusters of yellow daisy flowers rising above the foliage in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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.

Wavy Gravy Leopard Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.