Closed-Flower Hosta

Hosta clausa

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

A beautiful variety featuring dense, low growing heart-shaped, glossy foliage, great for borders or mass planting; spikes of purple tubular flowers with fuchsia accents rise above foliage from mid-summer to early fall; prefers shade to partial shade



Closed-Flower Hosta flowers
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Ornamental Features

Closed-Flower Hosta has masses of beautiful spikes of plum purple trumpet-shaped flowers with fuchsia overtones rising above the foliage in mid summer, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its small heart-shaped leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Closed-Flower 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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;

- Spreading

Closed-Flower Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Closed-Flower Hosta will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.