Arctic Fox™ Lemon Cream Foxglove

Digitalis 'Arctic Fox Lemon Cream'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

Features creamy yellow tubular flowers, nodding on stately stems; an exceptionally hardy hybrid for northern gardens, that will also handle southern heat; blooms yearly instead of biennially; happiest in part shade with adequate moisture

Ornamental Features

Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove features bold spikes of creamy white tubular flowers with lemon yellow overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove flowers
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Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Arctic Fox Lemon Cream Foxglove is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.