Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia

Acanthopanax sieboldianus 'Variegatus'



Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Pricklyspine

Description:

A preferred cultivar of this tough and adaptable species, featuring very showy white-green variegation on the palm-shaped leaves; good as a feature shrub or in a large garden



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Ornamental Features

The Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia has attractive white-variegated light green foliage on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The round palmate leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

The Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering
- Spiny

The Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

The Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 25 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.