Curled Leaf Plantain Lily

Hosta crispula



Curled Leaf Plantain Lily
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Plant Height: 20 inches

Flower Height: 28 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Hosta, Funkia

Description:

The beautiful green leaves with wavy white margins and long tapering tips make this one of the showiest hostas; delicate lavender blooms in mid summer; an excellent choice for shaded groundcover or edging; needs protection from strong winds

Ornamental Features

Curled Leaf Plantain Lily features dainty spikes of lavender bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive textured heart-shaped leaves remain green in color with distinctive white edges and tinges of bluish-green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Curled Leaf Plantain Lily is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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;

- Insects

Curled Leaf Plantain Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Curled Leaf Plantain Lily will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity extending to 28 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 28 inches apart. 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 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.