## Surprised By Joy Hosta

***Hosta 'Surprised By Joy'***



*Surprised By Joy Hosta foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 9 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

**Description:**

A lovely mini variety with elegant pointed leaves that have creamy white centers with margins in tones of green; provides beautiful texture and contrast to other plants; lavender spikes of flowers in mid-summer

**Ornamental Features**

Surprised By Joy Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive small textured pointy leaves remain white in color with distinctive green edges and tinges of light green throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Surprised By Joy 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 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

Surprised By Joy Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Surprised By Joy Hosta will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 9 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.