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Vim and Vigor Hosta

Hosta 'Vim and Vigor'



Vim and Vigor Hosta foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

Huge sea-green leaves emerge and mature to deep glossy green; leaf is heart shaped with slightly wavy margins; spikes of lavender flowers in mid to late summer; a gigantic hosta you must see to believe

Ornamental Features

Vim and Vigor Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. Its attractive enormous glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge bluish-green in spring, turning dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Vim and Vigor Hosta 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

Vim and Vigor Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

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Planting & Growing

Vim and Vigor Hosta will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.