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Abiqua Drinking Gourd Hosta
Hosta 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'

Plant Height: 18 inches
Flower Height: 30 inches
Spread: 3 feet
Spacing: 30 inches
Sunlight: ● ●
Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

Large leaved ornamental blue-green leaves are cupped, nearly round and have a dull glaucous bloom; provides beautiful texture and contrast to other plants; near-white spikes of flowers in mid-summer.

Ornamental Features

Abiqua Drinking Gourd Hosta features dainty spikes of white tubular flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive textured round leaves remain blue in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Abiqua Drinking Gourd 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

Abiqua Drinking Gourd Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Abiqua Drinking Gourd Hosta foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

Abiqua Drinking Gourd Hosta will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 30 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 30 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

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