Prairie Moon Hosta

Hosta 'Prairie Moon'



Prairie Moon Hosta
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 19 inches

Spread: 32 inches

Spacing: 26 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

Description:

This medium sized variety produces glowing yellow foliage that retains its color all season, mellowing in brightness as it matures; pale lavender flowers on chartreuse scapes in early to mid-summer; perfect for shade and woodland gardens



Prairie Moon Hosta foliage
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Ornamental Features

Prairie Moon Hosta features dainty spikes of lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage in late summer. Its attractive textured heart-shaped leaves emerge yellow in spring, turning buttery yellow in color with hints of chartreuse throughout the season. The chartreuse stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Prairie Moon 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

Prairie Moon Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Prairie Moon Hosta will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 32 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 26 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 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.