

Featured Perennial

Hosta spp. – Hosta, Plantain Lily

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Botanic name:	<i>Hosta</i> spp.
Common name:	Hosta, Plantain Lily
Height:	6 - 36 inches depending on variety and whether you include the flower spike
Width:	12 - 36 inches depending on variety
Light:	Full sun
Water:	Moist
Soil:	Compost amended soils
Growth Habit:	Mounding leaf habit with flower spike
How to use:	Beds, Borders, and Containers

Doing a Google search on Hosta can be a bit overwhelming... so many varieties, so little space in the shade. For a lush tropical look, choose a large leafed variety in color combinations of solid blue (*Hosta sieboldiana* 'Elegans'), blue with light green to yellow interiors (H. 'Cathedral Windows') or green-yellow edges (H. 'Frances Williams'), or blue with silver-white interiors (H. 'Dream Weaver') or white edges. There are also narrower leafed varieties in color combinations of green with yellow interiors (H. 'Stained Glass') or edges and green with white interior (H. 'Undulata Mediopicta') or edges (H. 'Patriot'). Some varieties even inspire movement with their upward cupping or slightly twisted leaf form. And for those that only grow in containers, there are even varieties like Hosta 'Little Treasure' that can be tucked in amongst the annual impatiens for added interest. Oh, and did I mention the yellow leafed varieties?!?!



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