



Hosta

Hostas are a very hardy, adaptable and easy to grow perennial plant that are grown for their interesting foliage. They come in a variety of sizes from dwarf to giant, foliage colors range from solid green, blue or gold to many variegated combinations. Flowers are produced on scapes, some are fragrant and they bloom from June to September. They are the perfect plant for those shady garden situations.

Growing requirements

Soil

Hostas prefer a rich, slightly acid soil enriched with humus to retain moisture.

Fertilizer

A fertilizer high in nitrogen will be beneficial and give greater splendor to the foliage. Use a time release fertilizer early in the season and repeat again in June. Sea Spray liquid fertilizer is also an excellent fertilizer which can be used on a more frequent basis with great results.

Location

Hostas do best in shade or semi-shade. Blue varieties will take the most shade while the variegated and green varieties are happier with partial shade. As a general rule the gold and yellow coloured varieties get their best coloring when given more sun.

Water

Hostas are moisture lovers and need regular watering during dry spells and in the summer.

How to plant

When transplanting from a container, plant at the same soil level as it was in the pot. When planting bare root plants make a cone of soil in the center of the hole and spread the roots out and down. Cover with soil, leaving the growing points an inch below soil level.

Always water immediately after planting.