



# Guacamole Hosta Hosta 'Guacamole'

Plant Height: 22 inches Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet
Spacing: 3 feet
Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

## **Description:**

2002 Hosta of the Year; Huge gold-chartreuse leaves with a dark green edge; this "Fragrant Bouquet" mutation also bares large fragrant flowers; sun tolerant

#### **Ornamental Features**

Guacamole Hosta features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive large textured heart-shaped leaves remain chartreuse in color with showy emerald green variegation throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Guacamole Hosta is a dense herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

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



Guacamole Hosta foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Guacamole Hosta
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Guacamole Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

### **Planting & Growing**

Guacamole Hosta will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet 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 3 feet 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!



Guacamole Hosta in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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.

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