

# FABULOUS FOLIAGE

## HOSTA CULTIVARS

### 'FIRE ISLAND' – Medium

Leaves emerge brilliant yellow on red petioles; red colouring extends from the base of the petiole up into the leaves. As the season progresses, the foliage darkens to chartreuse, but the red petioles remain all season long. The broadly ovate leaves are slightly corrugated with distinctly rippled margins at maturity. Lavender flowers are produced in midsummer. Vigorous grower. Best in full shade. Height: 1-2 feet (30-60 cm); Spread: 2-3 feet (60-90 cm).



### 'JUNE' – Medium

Height: 1-2 feet (30-60 cm). Forms a perfect mound of gold leaves with a wide blue-green margin, with a third lighter green colour between the margin and centre of the leaf that often streaks to the midrib. Best colour comes from siting this Hosta in some bright morning sun. Very thick leaves ensure that slugs will not be an issue. One of the last Hosta to go dormant. Pale lavender flower – has been considered the number one Hosta more than once!



### 'AUTUMN FROST' – Medium

Incredibly showy sport of 'First Frost.' Leaves emerge frosty blue-green with wide, brilliant yellow margins in spring and then turn green with creamy white margins in summer. One of the showiest of all Hosta. Light lavender flower.



### 'HALCYON' – Medium

Height: 18-24 in. (45-60 cm); Width: 36 in. (90 cm). Blue, waxy, heart-shaped leaves with heavy ribbing. Retains its colour throughout the summer. Has lavender flowers.



### 'BLUE MOUSE EARS' – Miniature

Adorable miniature Hosta. Thick (almost rubbery), round, blue-green to grey-green leaves. Forms a perfectly symmetrical mound. Moderate growth rate; Flower buds are held horizontally and swell like balloons before opening. Clusters of lavender, bell-shaped flowers are produced on proportionally short 12 inch (30 cm) scapes in midsummer. Perfect for rock gardens, and containers.



### 'HOSTA RAINBOWS END' – Small

Height: 10 in. (25 cm); Width: 21 in. (52 cm). Six-inch long narrow leaves. Incredible variegated Hosta is very distinctive in gardens and containers. Shiny, bright yellow leaves of good substance have dark green margins that jet into the centre which brightens to creamy white in summer. Showy red scapes carry dark lavender flowers.



### 'DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT' – Large

Height: 20 in. (50-60 cm); Width: 47 in. (1 metre). Emerges neon yellow but changes to chartreuse by summer. Has heavily corrugated and ruffled leaves that are bright lemon-yellow and stand out from a distance. Can handle some sun but not too much



### 'HOSTA PLANTAGINEA' – Medium/Large

Height: 2 feet (60 cm); Width: 3-4 feet (90-120 cm). Glossy bright green leaves (oval with a quilted look). White waxy blossoms that are very fragrant. Will tolerate quite a bit of sun.



You might also want to research these cultivars:

'August Moon' | 'Dream Queen' | 'Orange Marmalade' | 'Island Breeze' | 'Whee' | 'Rainforest Sunrise' | 'Striptease'