

# Ritchie

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### Avocado Hosta *Hosta 'Avocado'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Plantain Lily, Funkia

#### Description:

Tolerating some morning sun, this fast and vigorous variety produces large mounds of light green, heart shaped leaves that progress to gold with maturity surrounded by wide, dark green margins; fragrant, pale lavender flowers rise above in the mid summer

#### Ornamental Features

Avocado Hosta features dainty spikes of lightly-scented lavender tubular flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. Its attractive large textured heart-shaped leaves remain gold in colour with distinctive dark green edges throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Avocado 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.



*Avocado Hosta*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Avocado Hosta foliage*  
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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

Avocado Hosta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

### **Planting & Growing**

Avocado Hosta will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 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!

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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