Siebold's Plantain Lily
Hosta sieboldiana

Plant Characteristics

Size

2 - 3' high, 3 - 4' wide

Sun/Shade

Part Shade to Full Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Long-lived Perennial, Zones 4-9

Description

Hosta sieboldiana, also known as Siebold's Plantain Lily, named for the German doctor, Philipp Franz vanSiebold, who introduced many Japanese plants into European Gardens in the 1800's. It is a large, slow-growing hosta taking several years to reach maturity. Its leaves are heart-shaped and smoky blue in spring with distinctive veining. It blooms in May and June with flowers that are mostly white with a violet tinge. It grows in clumps and its large leaves can be damaged from hail storms if not protected. Hosta grow best with some shade and plenty of water. The dense foliage can quickly crowd out unwanted garden weeds. Too much sun can cause the leaves to change color or fade. As with most hosta, this one also attracts hummingbirds. They can also attract slugs which can be removed by using saucers of beer to attract and drown them. Aside from the issue with slugs, they are virtually free of pest and disease problems.

Source: Missouri Botanical Garden