



Hosta 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'



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HOSTA (Plantain Lilies, Funkia)

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FOR THE SHADE GARDENER, it is difficult to find a more useful and adaptable plant than hosta. Providing endless combinations of colors, textures, and sizes, the range of different hosta cultivars available can satisfy any gardener. Hostas can grow from mere inches to several feet and can come in any combination of blue, green, yellow, and white foliage with smooth to puckered leaves. They provide a unique form in the garden with their mounded shape of basal leaves and can be used to contrast fine textured, upright plants in the garden. Hostas can serve as a focal point or can blend together disparate textures and colors with their broad, coarse-textured foliage. Not only do hostas grow excellently in the shade, they are practically pest and disease free, although gardeners may struggle with deer browse and slug damage. The below list contains several new and many tried-and-true hosta cultivars, most of which boast prestigious awards from the Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit (RHS AGM), the American Hosta Growers' Association Hosta of the Year Award (AHGA HY), or the American Hosta Society Benedict Garden Performance Award (AHS BGPA).

Latin Name	Common Name	Mature Size	Light	Soil	Pot Size	Price
Hosta 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd'		2	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Large; deeply cupped, seersucker blue leaves; slow grower; slug resistant; white flowers June–July; RHS AGM, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Blue Mouse Ears'		.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Miniature; thick, blue-gray leaves; lavender flowers midsummer; slug resistant; RHS AGM, AHGA HY, AHS BGPA.						
Hosta 'Brother Stefan'		2–2.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Large; thick, corrugated leaves; gold center, irregular green margin; slowly matures; white flowers midsummer; slug resistant; AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Curly Fries'		.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Small; very stiff, narrow, heavily ruffled leaves, emerge chartreuse, turn yellow; lavender flowers; AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Dream Weaver'		2.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; blue-green border, cream centered leaves; white flowers midsummer; RHS AGM						
Hosta 'Empress Wu'		4	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; thick, wavy dark green, deeply veined leaves; pale lavender flowers midsummer.						
Hosta 'Fire Island'		1	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; gold leaves held on deep red stems; lavender flowers.						
Hosta 'First Frost'		1	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; blue-green leaves, gold margin; lavender flowers midsummer; RHS AGM, AHS BGPA; AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Francee'		1.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; dark green leaves, white margins; lavender flowers midsummer.						
Hosta 'Guacamole'		2	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Large; apple-green leaves, center with green margin; fragrant; white flowers summer; RHS AGM, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Hadspen Blue'		1.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; early to emerge; slow grower; blue leaves hold color; slug resistant; lavender gray flowers late July; RHS AGM.						
Hosta 'Hans'		1.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	qt	\$9
Large; corrugated, twisted, white leaves, blue-green margin; slow grower; pale lavender flowers late spring.						
Hosta 'Island Breeze'		1	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; bright yellow leaves with dark green margin; red petiole; purple flowers summer.						



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Hosta 'Komodo Dragon'



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Hosta 'Munchkin Fire'



Hosta 'Neptune'



Hosta 'Rainbow's End'



Hosta 'Rainforest Sunrise'



Hosta 'Sagae'

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Hosta 'June'		1.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Medium; gold leaves, blue-green margin; bright sun retains color; pale lavender flowers; slug resistant; RHS AGM, AHS BGPA, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Komodo Dragon'		2.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; rippled, deeply veined leaves; slug/snail resistant; pale lavender flowers midsummer.						
Hosta 'Liberty'		2.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; green center, bright yellow margin, thick leaves; lavender flowers early summer; sun tolerant; RHS AGM, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Munchkin Fire'		.25	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Miniature; fountain of narrow gold leaves; vigorous; lavender flowers midsummer.						
Hosta 'Neptune'		2	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Large; heavily rippled, cascading blue leaves turn blue-green; pale lavender flowers summer.						
Hosta 'Rainbow's End'		.85	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Small; yellow center, dark green margin; shiny leaves; no two leaves alike; purple flowers on bright red scape; slug resistant.						
Hosta 'Rainforest Sunrise'		1	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Small; green leaves turn bright gold, with green margin; slug resistant; sun tolerant; AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Sagae'		2.75	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; blue leaves, creamy white margins; upright habit; pale lavender flowers midsummer; slug resistant; AHS BGPA, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Sum and Substance'		3	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Giant; wavy, corrugated, cupped chartreuse leaves; lavender flowers midsummer; slug resistant, sun tolerant; AHS BGPA, AHGA HY.						
Hosta 'Sun Mouse'		.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Miniature; thick yellow leaves best in morning sun; lavender flowers early summer.						
Hosta 'Wolverine'		1.5	☀️🌧️	🌱	qt	\$9
Medium; long blue leaves, wide gold margin; vigorous; cascading mound; lavender flowers late summer; slug resistant.						
Hosta clausa var. normalis		1	☀️🌧️	🌱	1 g	\$12
Small; stoloniferous groundcover; dark green narrow elliptic leaves; violet flowers spring; rare.						

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Hosta 'Sum and Substance'



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