Samurai Toad Lily

Tricyrtis formosana 'Samurai'

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Toadlily

Description:

This exceptional variety is noted for attractive, creamy gold edged leaves; lovely, purple spotted orchid-like flowers with yellow throats appear in late summer; deserves a spot where it can be seen up close; an excellent cut flower



Samurai Toad Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Samurai Toad Lily has fuchsia orchid-like flowers with red overtones, yellow throats and deep purple spots at the ends of the stems from early to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive deep purple flower buds, and which are interesting on close inspection. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive gold edges throughout the season.



Samurai Toad Lily foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Samurai Toad Lily is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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;

- Spreading

Samurai Toad Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Samurai Toad Lily will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.