Variegated Potato Vine

Solanum jasminoides 'Aurea'



Variegated Potato Vine foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Solanum jasminoides Variegata

Description:

An exceptional vine offering variegated foliage of green, with irregular butter-yellow edges; perfect for climbing fences or trellises; also great trailing for containers and hanging baskets

Ornamental Features

Variegated Potato Vine is blanketed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented white star-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain green in color with distinctive buttery yellow edges and tinges of grayish green throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Potato Vine is a multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Potato Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Variegated Potato Vine will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.



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