

HOSTA 'Thunderbolt'

Origin: North Carolina

Species: *Hosta sieboldiana*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #14,323 Canadian PBR.

Characteristics:

'**Thunderbolt**' is a sport of the popular *H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans'. '**Thunderbolt**' was selected because of the wide blue-green margins with golden centers. As the foliage matures during the season, the center fades to a creamy-white. The leaves are also thick with heavy corrugation. The growth habit of '**Thunderbolt**' is also more vigorous than the parent plant. Uses include shade gardens, mass planting, and as a specimen plant.

Hardiness: USDA Zone 3

Bloom: White, slightly fragrant flowers. Flower spikes extend to about 2.5 feet tall.

Foliage: Thick, heavily corrugated leaves, approximately 5" wide by 7" long. The foliage emerges with blue-green margins and golden centers that mature to a creamy-white center.

Habit: Vigorous growth habit. 2.5' tall in bloom with a 2' spread.

Propagation: Tissue culture and divisions. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Partial sun to light shade. Fertile, moist, well-drained soils.

