



Acanthus Mollis

Botanical Name: Acanthus mollis
Common Name: Bears Breeches
Origin: Southern Europe, North-western Africa
Height/Width: 1m x1m
Habit: Soft wooded perennial which grows in upright clumps
Flower: Purple and white flowers appear in tall erect spikes from Nov to Jan
Leaves: Large glossy dark green lobbed and toothed leaves. Protection from snails required.
Climate: Most areas of Australia except inland zones
Soil: Deep moist well mulched. Requires moisture for best leaves and flowers.



Acanthus m. 'Hollards Gold'

Aspect. Best grown in shade or semi shade, protected from hot afternoon sun.
Prune: Remove dead leaves and spent flowers
Drought/Frost: Tolerant/Tolerant
Propagation: Can be weedy as it self-seeds easily and any part of root left in soil will form a plant.
NOTE: There are a few notable cultivars: Acanthus m. 'Variegatus', Acanthus m. 'Hollards Gold'. Also the Acanthus spinosus is another good garden plant