Variegatum Yellow Archangel

Lamiastrum galeobdolon 'Variegatum'



Variegatum Yellow Archangel foliage
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: False Lamium

Ornamental Features

Variegatum Yellow Archangel features subtle spikes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring. Its attractive serrated narrow leaves remain dark green in color with showy silver variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Variegatum Yellow Archangel is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Variegatum Yellow Archangel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Variegatum Yellow Archangel will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Variegatum Yellow Archangel is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.