Silver Scimitar Lungwort

Pulmonaria 'Silver Scimitar'



Silver Scimitar Lungwort foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 9 inches

Spread: 22 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Lords And Ladies, Bethlehem Sage

Description:

A low mounding perennial featuring large, arching, undulating leaves with bright silver variegation; violet-blue flowers emerge from red buds in spring, then mature to lavender; an attractive accent plant or impressive underplanting for wooded areas

Ornamental Features

Silver Scimitar Lungwort features delicate clusters of blue bell-shaped flowers with purple overtones and rose eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. Its attractive twisted narrow leaves emerge green in spring, turning silver in color with showy dark green variegation and tinges of grayish green throughout the season.



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Landscape Attributes

Silver Scimitar Lungwort is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Scimitar Lungwort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Silver Scimitar Lungwort will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Silver Scimitar Lungwort is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.