

Acanthus mollis latifolius



Botanical Name: *Acanthus mollis latifolius*

Common Name: Bear's-Breech

Zone: 6-9 Size: 3'-5' tall x 3' wide

Full sun to part shade

Growth habit: Bold specimen plant when grown in border or even in a container. Large leafy clumps with a tropical flair have jagged edges. It easily commands attention with its head-high stems of mauve-pink flowers that are held on tubes above a glossy foliage. Vigorous habit and the hardiest of all *Acanthus*. Will survive if protected with mulch in zones 5-6. Excellent cut flowers.

Landscape use: Use as a specimen planting in singles or groups of threes. Also fills a container quickly.

Companion planting: Find plants with contrasting foliage to the jagged shiny leaves for great effect. Surround with low matting ground cover with complimenting bloom color such as red or yellow to draw the eye to the height of the plant.

