

# Plant Fact Sheet

Common Name: **Chameleon Plant**



Botanical Name: ***Houttuynia cordata* 'Chameleon'**



Photo by Amy Stensberg

Location: Perennial Garden

Size: 9-18 inches tall and 12-24 inches wide

Bloom Time: May-June

Bloom Color: Greenish white with showy white bracts

Light Requirements: Full sun to partial shade

Moisture and Soil Requirements: Grow in humusy, consistently moist to wet soils. Adaptable to water gardens and tolerates up to 2" of standing water over the crowns.

Hardiness: Zones 4-10

Insect problems: None serious, although watch for aphids and slugs.

Diseases: None serious, although foliage may scorch in full sun.

Maintenance notes: **Invasive species!** Slow to emerge, but fast grower. Propagate by crown division or division of underground rhizomes. Non-variegated foliage is more vigorous than variegated and should be removed to prevent reversion to all green. Contain its spread by placing it in a restricted root zone (1 foot deep), bounded by fixed structures, or grow in containers sunk into soil, or mud in aquatic gardens.

Uses: Edging, border, foundation, focal point, groundcover, bed, or planters. Can be grown as a pond or bog plant.

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