

# Bear's Breeches



## *Acanthus mollis*

- **Use:** While people grow acanthus plants for their attractive, shiny, lobed leaves, they also produce a wonderful 2-6' tall spike lined with purple and white flowers. Acanthus is also deer-resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade; well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water when top 3 in of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 3 to 5 feet tall, equal width.
- **Hardiness: Zone 7-11; Perennial**
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen; Large, deeply lobed shiny green leaves.
- **Flowers:** Tall spikes of tubular white flowers with purplish bracts appear above the foliage in late spring through summer.



**A superb and long-lived plant that makes a perpetual statement every spring.**