

Sun King Aralia



Aralia cordata 'Sun King'

- **Use:** A bold and beautiful anchor plant for a shady bed! Excellent cold hardiness is an added bonus. The finely-toothed arching leaves emerge sunny yellow and retain their color. Heavy shade yields lime-green foliage.
- **Exposure/Soil: Part shade to shade.** Prefers moist, fertile, humusy-peat, well-drained soils. Shelter from strong winds to protect the large compound foliage. No pruning needed, but in colder climates plant may die back to the ground and start again, similar to a Butterfly Bush or Caryopteris. Dead stems can be removed once it buds out / starts again.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 4 feet tall, equal width.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; If grown in deeper shade, the foliage retains a muted lime-green color. (2-3 hours of sun will bring out the yellow tones) Bold foliage will contrast nicely with lacy plants like ferns and Astilbe.
- **Flowers:** Clusters of tiny white flowers in summer are followed by purple fruit. The berries are adored by birds, but inedible by humans. Foliage will retain color if grown with at least 2-3 hours of sun each day.

A statuesque complement to Hosta and Heuchera.

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