

Acanthus mollis

Bear's Breech



PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant Type:	Perennial
Height / Width:	4-5 ft. H in bloom x 3 ft. W
Plant Form:	Clump-forming
Flower / Fruit:	Tall spikes of hooded whitish, rose or purple flowers beneath spiny green or purplish bracts
Leaf Color, Size:	Spineless leaves to 2 ft. long, deeply lobed and cut
Native To:	S. Europe and Mediterranean

GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Sunset Zones:	5-24
Soil:	Humus rich, moist, well-drained
Water:	Low to regular
Sun:	Sun or shade
Care and Pruning:	Lop off prickly spikes after flowers fade. Cut yellow leaves at base midseason. Spreading roots - can become invasive.

GARDEN USE **Big, bold plant**

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