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Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium 'Golden Feathers'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

This gorgeous variety forms a ferny mound of variegated green and golden-yellow foliage, that is topped with lilac-mauve flowers in late spring; looks great in beds or borders all season long, and easily mixes with other plants



Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder has masses of beautiful spikes of lilac purple star-shaped flowers with purple overtones and buttery yellow anthers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive ferny pinnately compound leaves remain dark green in color with showy gold variegation and tinges of creamy white throughout the season.



Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Golden Feathers Jacob's Ladder is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.