

## Big Blue Ones

### *H. sieboldiana* 'Elegans'

very large rounded, heavily textured leaves with bluish leaves. Leaves are blue-green early, green later in season, slightly wavy with a deeply lobed base, and have a short distinct tip. Whitish bloom on under side of leaf. Dense clusters of near white flowers in mid-June on scapes at plant height or just above. Can be 5' across and 28-33" high.



### H. 'Blue Angel'

32" high x 70" wide. Large blue-green leaves can be 16" long x 12" wide, are slightly corrugated, thick, and oblong and ovate in shape. They turn dark green by late summer. Many near white flowers appear late June, early July on 36"-44" scapes. Few seed pods formed. Very desirable plant.



### H. 'Blue Umbrellas' – similar to Blue Angel in size.

A more unruly mound. Near white flowers on 30"-35" scapes mid June to mid July. Many seed pods develop.



**H. 'Blue Mammoth'**- Similar size mound to above. Bluish leaves early, shiny dark green by early summer. Cupped downward, moderate corrugation, very white undersides, thick substance. Very pale lavender flowers late June to late July with many seed pods.

**H. 'Krossa Regal'** – Huge vase shape plant with bluish leaves that turn blue green and finally dark green. Leaves are slightly wavy, smooth have thick white underside bloom. Leaves 11" long x 7" wide. Medium lavender flowers appear late July - mid August on 3'-5" scapes. No seed pods.



## Useful web links for more information on Hostas

[www.SOGHS.org](http://www.SOGHS.org) Shades of Green Hosta Society of SE MN  
[www.mnhosta.org](http://www.mnhosta.org) MN Hosta Society  
[www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org) American Hosta Society  
[www.hostalibrary.org](http://www.hostalibrary.org) photos and information

## More Blue Ones

**H. 'Halcyon'** – 18" high x 43" wide, deep blue green leaves, slightly wavy, smooth, thick and waxy looking. Thick white underside bloom. Pale bluish lavender flowers in late July into August on 28" scapes. Forms seed pods. Great form, color and substance.



### Kind of Blue, Kind of Green:

#### H. 'Hyacinthina'

23" x 55", blue-green going to green by early summer. Slight waviness, no corrugation, good substance and very yellow fall color. Pale lavender flowers in late July-mid August on 3' scapes.



## Other older hostas that had great popularity

*Green:* 'Candy Hearts', 'Invincible'

*Blue:* 'Blue Cadet', 'Hadspen Blue', 'Love Pat',

*Gold:* 'Sum and Substance', 'Birchwood Parky's Gold', 'August Moon', 'Gold Drop', 'Gold Edger'

*Yellow Edges:* 'Francis Williams', 'Fragrant Bouquet', 'montana', 'Aureomarginata'

*White Edges:* 'Fortunei albomarginata' (Silver Crown), 'Antioch', 'Shade Fanfare', 'Wide Brim'

*Yellow, cream or white centers:* 'Gold Standard', 'September Sun', 'June'

*Small ones:* 'Ginko Craig', 'Allan P McConnell', 'Kabitan', The 'Tiara's: Diamond, Emerald, Golden



'Sum and Substance'  
 31" by 70" wide or more  
 chartreuse to medium gold,  
 leaf 16"x14" wide,  
 thick substance, lav flowers

**They came with the house ...  
 a friend gave them to you ...  
 they are really old ...  
 they are a family treasure ...**

What is that

# Hosta ?

**Many of those unknowns will be from the following old standards and heirlooms and have been available for decades.**

## Fragrant Green Hostas

**H. 'plantaginea'** – the queen of fragrant hostas. Glossy apple green heart shaped leaves, smooth, average substance, shiny underneath. 4" long white flowers, extremely fragrant. About 25" tall.



**H. 'Royal Standard'** – coarser, more elongated, less glossy medium green leaves. Underside glossy. Pure white 3" long fragrant flowers on nearly 40" scapes in mid Aug. to Sept. Up to 26" tall plants.



**H. 'Honeybells'** – fast growing, 24" high, medium green leaves, smooth, shiny on both sides with fragrant very pale lavender flowers on 59" scapes.



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**The White Edge Ones**  
**H. 'Undulata Albomarginata'**

Medium size mound (18" x 44" wide) of limpish green leaves with white edges and a slightly curved tip. Underside is shiny, top of leaf is smooth. Pale lavender flowers about an inch apart on flower scapes that may also have leafy growths are usually produced in July. Few to no seed pods. Grows rapidly into a large size mound and so is shared quite often. Heavily used in the landscaping business, it is seen in many older gardens. Slugs however

love the tender leaves so care must be given to keep it looking good through late summer.



**The other one with a white edge**  
**H. 'Francee'**

Medium large mound (21"x50") of medium to dark green leaves with white edge. Leaves have a slightly lobed base, thin white bloom on underside and average substance. Medium lavender flowers in late July - early Aug. on 23"-33" scapes. Few seed pods. Good growth rate, attractive variegation and attractive all summer.



**The White Center One**  
**H. 'Undulata'**

Smaller mound (12" high) of wavy white centered leaves (6" long by 2 1/2" wide) with a medium green edge. Leaves have shiny underside, smooth top and thin substance.

Leaves start turning Green along veins and can turn all green by late summer. Pale lav. flowers in July on scapes up to 40" tall. Usually no seed pod formation.



**The Yellow Edge one**

**H. 'Fortunei Aureomarginata'**

23"x52" mound of green centered, gold margined leaves. Leaves are about 8 3/4" long x 6 1/2" wide. They are slightly corrugated, average in substance and have slightly white undersides. Pale lavender flowers on 29"- 45" scapes in late July – Aug, few seed pods form.



Good growth rate, nice form and consistent gold edging make this a popular landscape plant.



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**The Green Ones**  
**H. 'Undulata Erromena'**



Medium large mound (21" x 47" wide) of wavy green foliage but can be bigger. Leaves are about 8" long x 4 1/2" wide and are smooth with shiny underside. Pale lavender flowers on 45" scapes in July. Few seed pods. Fast growing and largest of the undulatas.

**H. lancifolia**

Medium size mound (16-19" tall) of medium thin green lance shaped leaves about 6 3/4" long x 2 5/8" wide with smooth texture and shiny underneath. Abundant 19"-30" flower scapes with med lavender flowers in mid August through Sep. Few seed pods form. Fast growth rate, nice mound shape as a single hosta but creates very nice borders, too. Good flower display.



Grows like a fountain.

**H. ventricosa**



Medium-large mound, 22"-26" tall with shiny dark green slightly rippled leaves with a heart shaped base and twisted tips. Leaves are smooth and very shiny on the back and have good substance. Many dark purple flowers from mid to late July on 40"+ scapes. Many seed pods.

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