

The 2025 Hosta of the Year: Skywriter



'Skywriter' is a special Hosta that shows off its blue leaves and red stems with its upright growth habit

'Skywriter' is a blue hosta with a semi-upright habit that shows off the white undersides of the leaves and the purple stems from which they unfurl. Considered a medium-sized selection, it grows to about a foot-and-a-half tall and four feet wide. The solid blue leaves have ruffled edges and pronounced corrugation.

The foliage color makes a nice complement for the pale purple flowers that appear in summer. 'Skywriter' was bred by Dan Wols, a Chicago-area dentist and hosta hybridizer. Its background includes two strongly blue cultivars: 'Smoke Signals' and 'Neptune', itself an award winner; plus 'Marilyn Monroe', a green hosta whose rippled leaves twist to reveal white reverses—reminiscent of the iconic subway-grate photo of the actress.

Blue leaves on red petioles is just a great color contrast in the garden, they are more purple due to all the wax on the leaf, which is what gives the soft blue color as well. The ruffled margins of the leaves are extra eye candy that helps call attention to 'Skywriter' within a garden setting.

Show off this beauty in a spot that receives bright morning sun with filtered afternoon shade, don't hide it in a dark corner: Mature Size: 15"T x 30"W, lavender flowers on purple scapes in late summer.