Variegated Pennywort*

Hydrocotyle sibthorpioides 'Variegata'



Variegated Pennywort foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 13 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Crystal Confetti

Description:

Grown primarily for foliage, this lovely aquatic plant quickly produces masses of tiny variegated leaves that spread on water, or cascade from containers; perfect for ponds or patio containers

Ornamental Features

Variegated Pennywort's attractive tiny round leaves remain light green in colour with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Pennywort is an herbaceous perennial with a low habit of growth, spreading atop the surface of the water. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Variegated Pennywort is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Variegated Pennywort will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the water, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Pennywort is a fine choice for the water garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*