



Plant 'Imagination'



Aralia cordata 'Sun King' (Golden Japanese Spikenard)

Add an element of surprise to your garden. This bold Japanese introduction forms a 3ft-high, tropical-looking but quite hardy mound of broad, bright yellow compound leaves. In late summer 2ft spikes produce white flowers followed by purple berries. Foliage stays yellow given 2-3 hours of sun.

All species in this genus come mainly from mountain woodland regions and are known for their striking foliage. They prefer fertile, humus-rich soil and are very useful in the middle or back of the border, as well as in the woodland garden. Many of you asked about this plant in our Hosta garden to add contrast. Plant it in zone 4 in part shade for blooms in August. This plant grows about 3 feet high and should be spaced about 3 feet apart.