

## Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb



### Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb *Rheum 'Ace Of Hearts'*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

#### Description:

One of the more ostentatious perennials you'll ever invite into your garden; gigantic leaves emerge a rich burgundy and fade to dark green with brilliant red undersides and crimson veins, enormous flower spikes in early summer, a phenomenally coarse plant

#### Ornamental Features

Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb features bold spikes of creamy white flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. Its attractive enormous crinkled lobed leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning dark green in colour with distinctive crimson veins and tinges of red throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

#### Planting & Growing

Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast 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!



*Ace Of Hearts Ornamental Rhubarb foliage*  
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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.