

PERENNIAL

PROPAGATION

Houttuynia 'Chameleon'

Houttuynia cordata



TRAY & ROOTING

Form	Unrooted Cuttings (URC)
Rooting Hormone	No
Tray Size(s)	72, 105
Plants Per Cell	1
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	4-5
Pinch?	Yes
Days from stick to pinch	14-21

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist?	No
Fertilizer Rate	50-75 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])
EC Range	Low: (0.8-2.0 mS via SME)
pH Range	5.8-6.2

TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature	14-18°C
Average Air Temperature	14-18°C

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles
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LIGHT

Supplemental	No
Benefits From Shade?	No

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis, root rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

aphids, whitefly

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- Optional 5-6 ppm Sumagic (0.055% Uniconazole)
- Optional 1500-2500 B-Nine (85% Daminozide)



TIPS

- PGRs are definitely required to keep growth under control in liner stage.

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FINISHING

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VERNALIZATION

Vernalization Required? **No**

Vernalization Duration Minimum **N/A**

Vernalization Temperature **N/A**

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
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10-12 cm	1	6-8
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15-16 cm	2	6-8
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FERTILITY

Fertilizer Rate 50-100 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])

EC Range **Low: (0.8-2.0 mS via SME)**

pH Range **5.8-6.2**

TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature **18-24°C**

Night Temperature **13-18°C**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency **Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles**

LIGHT

Photoperiodic requirements **Long day: 12+ hours daily**

Supplemental? **None**

Benefits From Shade? **No**

PINCHING

Finishing Pinch? **No**

Transplant to pinch (days) **N/A**

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis, root rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

aphids, whitefly

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- 6-8 ppm Sumagic (0.055% Uniconazole)
- 1-2 ppm Bonzi (0.4% Paclobutrazol) Drench



TIPS

- As soon as pots are full, ship to avoid excessive runners and unnecessary tangle.
- Plant growth habit is improved with vernalization.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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KEY INFORMATION

First Year Flowering?	Yes
Bloom Time	Spring
Exposure	Full Sun to Part Sun
Hardiness Zone	5-9
Height	10-15 cm
Width	122-152 cm

DESCRIPTION

Unusual tricolor foliage and a spreading habit make this an excellent groundcover option in tough areas.

CONSUMER APPEAL

- The aromatic foliage of 'Chameleon' make it resistant to both rabbits and deer.
- Although this plant does best in consistently moist soils rich in organic matter, it can be grown in heavy clays as well. Where other plants have drowned, 'Chameleon' will thrive.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- This perennial is grown primarily for its foliage interest though it does sport small inconspicuous flowers oftentimes hidden by the foliage. The foliage is the most vibrant when exposed to full-sun conditions. However, this plant will tolerate deep shade
- Houttuynia is a great ground cover option but it can also be grown as a pond plant or aquatic species.
- The largest consideration with 'Chameleon' is its tendency to spread into unintended areas of the garden. Give this plant room to stretch its legs, otherwise you'll regret planting it.

NATIVITY

Native to Japan, Korea, China, and Southeast Asia

COMPANION PLANTS

Buddleia, Eupatorium(Ageratina), Alstroemeria, Monarda, Agastache, Aster

COMMON NAME(S)

chameleon plant, heartleaf, fishwort, bishop's weed, fish mint



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