FABULOUS FOLIAGE

BUGBANE (BANEBERRY, COHOSH, SNAKEROOT)

ACTAEA SIMPLEX - CIMICIFUGA RAMOSA (HILLSIDE BLACK BEAUTY CULTIVAR)

CULTIVARS

These cultivars have the same form but the foliage is not as dark:

'Actaea Racemosa' - green leaves.

'Brunette' - purplish/ black foliage, but not as dark as 'Hillside Black Beauty'

FOLIAGE

Cimicifuga ('Hillside Black Beauty') has striking dark purplish-black finely divided foliage that does not fade as the season progresses.

FLOWERS

Gracefully arching wands of fragrant, one foot long, bottlebrush flowers, open white with a pale blush pink tinge. Blooms in late August/September. The flowers are packed in fluffy spikes along purple waving stems.

HARDINESS ZONE

3 to 8.

LIGHT REQUIREMENTS

Partial sun / light shade — seems to tolerate midday sun.

SIZE

Foliage Height: 2.5 feet (45 cm.); Height with flowers: 5 feet (120-150 cm); Width: 5-6 feet (150-180 cm). Quite a slow spreader.

WATER / SOIL REQUIREMENT

Easily grown in average soil. Prefers consistently moist, well-drained soil. Average water needs.

PESTS

No serious insect or pest problems.

PLACEMENT

Any perennial bed; dark foliage makes a great focal point/contrast with plants around it; plant midway in bed for best effect; adds architectural height.





