



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Acanthus spinosus*

**USBG Plant Location:**

National Garden

**Sunlight:**

Full sun to part shade

**Plant Soil Type:**

Poor to average, well-drained garden soil

**Plant Moisture Requirements:**

Medium

*Acanthus spinosus* is native to the Mediterranean and can tolerate most garden conditions other than poorly drained soils. It can withstand full sun, but may prefer afternoon shade. It has showy vertical reddish-purple flower spikes that are held above the foliage, which is an attractive glossy green. Although slow to spread, it has creeping roots if not kept in check.

**National Garden Room Location:**

Regional Garden

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