

Table 1. Plant size, pattern description, foliage height, and average quality of hostas evaluated in the Shade Garden from June to August 2010. Plants were planted in April 2010. Varieties from AG3 were 2-year old plants grown in 6 inch pots from tissue culture. Varieties from Abbott-IPCO were bare-root with average of 3 new shoots and overwintered in an unheated greenhouse. Ratings were in the scale from 1 to 5, where 1 = poor and 5 = excellent.

Variety	Plant size	Description	Foliage Height (in)	Source	Average Rating	Notes
Albo Marginata	medium	Deep green leaves with bright white edges, light violet bell-shape flowers.	12	A-I	4.7	Pattern not stable on some leaves
Antioch	medium	Long leaves with dark green centers and creamy white margins.	5	A-I	4.3	
August Moon	medium	Classic gold hosta. Tolerant some sun. Pale lavender flowers.	20	A-I	3.8	Slug damage
Aureomarginata	large	Broad dark green leaves with blue hue and golden yellow margins.	22	AG3	3	
Aureomarginata	large	Same as above	20	A-I	3.7	
Blue Angel	large	Blue shade, light lavender flowers.	20	AG3	4.3	Best blue variety in trial
Blue Mouse Ear	small	Blue shade, round shape leaves, lavender bell-shape flowers.	3	VB	2.7	Very slow growing
Captain Kirk	large	Sport of Gold Standard. Broad leaf wide dark green margin with gold centers, light lavender flowers	20	A-I	4.2	Pattern not stable, had green leaves without pattern.
Cherish	small			AG3	1.5	Dead
Christmas Tree	medium	Deep green leaves with white margins		A-I	3.8	
Elegans	large	Blue-grey huge rounded leaves heavily textured. Slug resistant. White flowers. Better blue color in light sun.	5	A-I	3.5	Leaf burn from afternoon sun.
Elegans	large	Same as above	10	WM	2.5	same as above
Elvis Lives	small	Blue green leaves.	4	AG3	1.5	Only one left
Eternal Flame	medium	Upright habit. Limon green leaves with dark green margins. Color tends to be greener on older leaves.	5	AG3	4.5	Unique upright habit.
Fragrant Bouquet	large	Light green broad leaves with yellow to cream margins. Fragrant white flowers.	5	AG3	4.8	One of the best performers
Francee	medium	Glossy medium to dark green leaves with narrow white margins. More sun tolerant.	14	AG3	4.8	One of the best performers
Frances William	Large	A larger size sport of Elegans. Blue-green center with a large golden-green margin. Flowers off-white and showy.	24	WM	2.8	Slug damage
Francis Williams		same as above		A-I	4	
Ginko Craig	small	For use as edging or in containers. Small dark green leaves with white margins. Some sun tolerance.	10	JF	4.3	Very pretty purple flowers

Gold Standard	large	Broad large leaves with light green centers and dark green margins. Pale lavender flowers.	20	A-I	3	3 out of 5 plants were totally green.
Great Expectations	large	Thick puckered older leaves with wide blue green margins and creamy yellow centers. White flowers.	20	AG3	4.2	
Guacamole	large	A sport of Fragrant Bouquet. Large apple green leaves with dark green margins. Fragrant large flowers.	22	JF	4.5	
Hadspen Blue	medium	Blue shade. Steel blue large leaves. Pale lavender flowers	14	AG3	2.8	slow growing
Halcyon	medium	Blue shade. Frosty-blue leaves, slug resistant.	18	AG3	3.3	Growth not uniform among plants
Hoosier Harmony	medium	Yellow-green leaves with irregular creamy white strips.	16	AG3	4	
Hyacinthina (AP)	large	For mass plantings. Good sun tolerance. Pale lavender flowers	23	A-I	4	
Hyacinthina (JK)	large	same as above		JF	???	
Iron Gate Delight	medium	Dark green leaves with creamy white to white margins.	5	AG3	5	
June	medium	A sport of Halcyon. Wide jetting blue-green margins and yellow centers. Pale lavender flowers.	15	AG3	4.3	
June Fever	medium	A sport of June, nearly all yellow shiny leaves with dark green margins.	15	WM	3.8	Slug damage
Krossa Regal	large	Frosty grey-green leaves and an upright vase-like habit. Lavender flowers.	48	AG3	3.8	
Lakeside Looking Glass	small	Apple-green leaves, shiny with wavy edges	4	WM	3	
Last Dance	medium	Rounded apple-green leaves with creamy white margins.	5	AG3	3.5	Slug damage
Mama Mia	large	Dark green leaves with narrow white margins. Flowers later than most hostas.	15	WM	4.8	
Medio Variegata	medium	Long shiny green leaves with narrow creamy white strips in centers.	5	A-I	3.8	Open-center clump
Mini Blue	Small			VB	0	Dead
Minuteman	medium	A sport of Francee. Dark green leaves with white margins. Pale lavender flowers.	18	AG3	2.8	Plant size not uniform
Moon River	small	Blue-green leaves with white irregular margins	6	AG3	3.8	
Night Before Christmas	medium	A sport of White Christmas. Large lace shape leaves with striking white centers and dark green margins. Pale lavender flowers.	18	A-I	3.5	Plant size not uniform.
Paradigm	large	Thick puckered large gold leaves with blue-green margins.	20	WM	4.8	

Patriot	large	Large dark green leaves with wide white jetting margins, good sun tolerance. Lavender flowers.	22	A-I	4	
Paul's Glory	large	Blue-green leaves with a chartreuse center in the spring and turns golden yellow in summer. Pale lavender flowers.	15	WM	4	Pattern not stable, some green leaves without patter.
Potomac Pride	large	Steel-blue leaves. Light lavender flowers.	14	AG3	4	Some leaf burn from afternoon sun.
Queen Josephine	medium	Green leaves with narrow white margins.	10	AG3	3.2	Slug damage
Red October	small	Blue-green long narrow leaves on top and white underneath. Red petioles. Reddish-purple scapes and lavender flowers.	10	WM	3.8	
Royal Standard	large	A hybrid of <i>H. plantaginea</i> x <i>H. sieboldii</i> . Glossy wavy green leaves. Fragrant white flowers. More sun and drought tolerant.	26	A-I	4	
Sagae	large	Frosty grey-green leaves with yellow to white margins. Lavender flowers.	28	AG3	2.3	Slug damage
Samual Blue	small	Blue hue on green leaves.	4	AG3	1.3	Not very 'blue'
Sea Thunder	small	Narrow creamy white leaves with green jetting margins. Fragrant flowers	9	4.5	Slug damage	
So Sweet	Medium			JF	5	
Stained Glass	medium	Sport of Guacamole. Large brilliant gold leaves with wide dark green margins. Large fragrant pale lavender flowers. Better sun tolerance.	15	AG3	4.8	
Sugar & Spice	medium	Shiny wavy apple-green leaves with irregular white margins.	10	WM	5	
Sum & Substance	large	Giant leaves with light green to yellow depending on sun exposure. Sun tolerant. Slug resistant.	36	A-I	2.5	Leaf burn from afternoon sun.
Sun Power	large	Brilliant gold leaves with wavy edges and upright habit. Pale lavender flowers.	24	AG3	4	
Wheaton Blue	medium	Blue-green leaves with some texture.		A-I	4	
White Feather	medium	White color did not last, not true to name		VB	2	
Wide Brim	medium	Mounded dark green leaves with buttery yellow margins.	16	A-I	3.3	Slug damage

Source Code: A-I = ABBOTT-IPCO, Dallas, TX. AG3 = AG 3, Eustis, FL. JF = Jenkins Farm and Nursery, Amite, LA. WM = Wal-Mart, Hammond, LA.