

# Acanthus mollis

## Bear's Breech



### PLANT DESCRIPTION

<b>Plant Type:</b>	<b>Perennial</b>
<b>Height / Width:</b>	<b>4-5 ft. H in bloom x 3 ft. W</b>
<b>Plant Form:</b>	<b>Clump-forming</b>
<b>Flower / Fruit:</b>	<b>Tall spikes of hooded whitish, rose or purple flowers beneath spiny green or purplish bracts</b>
<b>Leaf Color, Size:</b>	<b>Spineless leaves to 2 ft. long, deeply lobed and cut</b>
<b>Native To:</b>	<b>S. Europe and Mediterranean</b>

### GROWING REQUIREMENTS

<b>Sunset Zones:</b>	<b>5-24</b>
<b>Soil:</b>	<b>Humus rich, moist, well-drained</b>
<b>Water:</b>	<b>Moderate to regular</b>
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>Sun or shade</b>
<b>Care and Pruning:</b>	<b>Lop off prickly spikes after flowers fade. Spreading roots, can become invasive.</b>

### GARDEN USE

<b>ARBORETUM GARDEN</b>	<b>Big, bold plant</b>
	<b>Celebration &amp; Mediterranean</b>