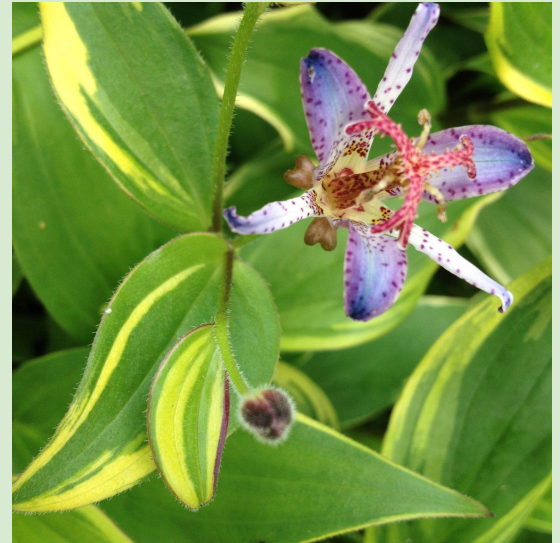


# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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## A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Tricyrtis formosana samurai
Common Name	Variegated Toad Lily
Mature Size	2 ft.
Bloom Color	Spotted Purple and Yellow
Bloom Period	Late Summer to Fall
Bloom Form	Lily/ Orchid like
Water	Consistent Moisture
Light	Shade
Fragrance	None
Uses	Borders, Mixed Perennials, Pots, Shade Garden
Special Features	U, nique, Interesting flower and foliage
USDA Hardiness, ,	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A



Tricyrtis is a small genus of the Liliaceae family that contains fewer than a couple of dozen cultivars. These interesting shade perennials are commonly called Toad Lilies. The common name arose from an elaborate hoax perpetrated on the world's scientific and anthropological communities in the 70's regarding the discovery of an aboriginal native tribe in the Philippines. One of the embellishments of this story was that these natives rubbed the crushed leaves of a native tricyrtis species on their hands and arms as an attractant for toads, which were then caught with bare hands and eaten raw. Even though the hoax was later exposed, the common name of Toad Lily for the tricyrtis stuck.

Tricyrtis formosana samurari or Variegated Toad Lily is an interesting cultivar that has green leaves with a creamy gold toned variegation along the outer edge. It is perhaps the most widely planted type. It blooms late in the summer and early fall with small, but infinitely interesting, unique, lily like spotted flowers with yellow throats that look somewhat like a lily, or perhaps a bit more like an orchid.

It's a great plant for along shady paths or in pots on the porch or patio where the flowers can be admired and appreciated up close. The color variegation in the strap, ladder like, evenly spaced, whorled leaves brings texture and light even when there are no flowers. Despite its' somewhat tropical and exotic appearance the Variegated Toad Lily is actually quite cold tolerant. Well established plants will come back up each spring from the rhizomes as far north as Zone 4.

Find a larger starter size **Variegated Toad Lily** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!  
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For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at [service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com](mailto:service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at [emeraldgoddessgardens.com](http://emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

## ***Please accept this gift from our garden:***

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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### **Care of your starter plug:**

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.

Gift plants are our courtesy way of saying Thank You and that we appreciate your order, and are not covered by any Warranty that may apply to your paid order. We hope you will enjoy.