



Tetrapanax 'Steroidal Giant'

Creamy white flowers 12x20 ☀️🌑 Z8

***Tetrapanax papyriferum* "Steroidal Giant" - located in Tetrapanax Bed Commonly called the Rice-paper plant Zones 7-11 White flowers in Autumn, followed by Black fruit 3' Leaves that die back in Winter Sun, part shade Herbaceous Perennial Water regularly 12'x20'**

Tetrapanax papyriferum "Steroidal Giant" grow fast (3 feet in a year) and send up suckers so you end up with a little thicket of Rice Paper plants. Thin them and cut them down as required. The trunks and underside of the leaves are covered in powdery indumentum that some find quite irritating. If you are prone to irritants, wear a dust mask when working amongst your Tetrapanax and roll your sleeves down to protect your forearms. No lasting damage. (Don't look up when cutting leaves.)

Avoid windy sites to prevent damage to leaves that can grow to 3 feet across. Tidy up by removing old leaves, sometimes cutting plants back to a suitable size, where new shoots will grow from below the cut.

In late fall small creamy white flowers in 1 inch round ball-like clusters are held above the foliage in a branched inflorescence, followed by black fruits.

The species is endemic to Taiwan. 'Papyriferum' refers to Egyptian Papyrus and has to do with the pith of the center of the stem being used to make a substance commonly known as rice paper, but more properly is pith paper.

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