

Bear's Breeches

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- ❖ **Acanthus mollis, commonly known as Bear's Breeches, is a herbaceous perennial plant in the genus Acanthus, native to the Mediterranean region.**
- ❖ **It grows to 2 m tall, with basal clusters of deeply lobed and cut, shining dark green leaves up to 1 m long and 20 cm broad.**
- ❖ **The flowers are tubular, whitish, lilac or rose with spiny green or purplish bracts, and produced on stout spikes.**
- ❖ **It flowers in late spring or early summer.**
- ❖ **It grows in dry areas, and is tolerant of drought and shade.**
- ❖ **The plants are propagated from tubers and tend to form large, localized clumps which can survive for several decades.**

