



Species: *Hydrangea macrophylla*

(hye-dran'jee-ah mak-ro-fil'ah)

Bigleaf Hydrangea

Cultivar Information

Many cultivars are available of this species. Cold-hardiness is variable and in more northern climes this plant may be treated as a perennial (annually cutback to the ground).

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet, Shrub < 4 feet

Height:

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: rounded

Ornamental Other: Some cultivars will bloom on new wood, making them useful in cooler climates where flower buds are killed in winter

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 5b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Cultivars for *Hydrangea macrophylla*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
All Summer Beauty	'All Summer Beauty' - profuse mophead blooms, deep blue in acid soil; grows 4' tall and wide; more appropriate for colder areas, as it supposedly blooms on current season's growth
Ayesha	'Ayesha' - pink-purple mophead; rounded flower petals; slight fragrance; lustrous foliage; may be less hardy than others
Blue Wave	'Blue Wave' - lacecap form; blue to pink flower color (depending on soil pH); hardier than similar plants; grows to 7' tall and wide
Golden Sunlight	'Golden Sunlight' - a cultivar of H. m. var. serrata; new leaves emerge golden yellow, matures to light green with age; blooms are pinkish; grows to 3' tall and wide
Lemon Wave	'Lemon Wave' - spectacular variegation, with zones of gold, white and green on each leaf; rarely flowers in colder zones
Nikko Blue	'Nikko Blue' - most common blue-flowered (pink in basic soils) mophead form; useful in colder areas since is reportedly will produce some flowers on new growth; 4' tall and wide
Madame Emile Mouillere	'Madame Emile Mouillere' - hardy mophead form; heavy production of pure white flowers; develops hints of blue-pink with age; grows 5' tall and wide
Mariesii Variegata	'Mariesii Variegata' (a.k.a. 'Variegata') - white lacecap, rarely blooms in colder climates; most common variegated leaf form; deep green foliage edged in white; grows to 5' tall
Pia	'Pia' - dwarf form, to 3' tall and wide; pink mophead flowers
Forever Pink	'Forever Pink' - dwarf form, to 3' tall and wide; pink mophead flowers
Tovelit	'Tovelit' - dwarf form, to 3' tall and wide; pink mophead flowers
Blushing Bride	'Blushing Bride' - 3-5' high and wide; part of the Endless Summer series; white flowers mature to a soft blush color; flower may turn pale blue, depending on soil pH; blooms consistently on both old and new wood
Lemon Daddy	'Lemon Daddy' - 4' high and wide; a sport of 'Big Daddy'; lemon-yellow foliage and large pink (or blue) mophead flowers; strong-stemmed; vigorous grower performs well in hot, humid conditions
Next Generation Pistachio	'Next Generation Pistachio' (a.k.a. 'Horwack') - 2 - 3' high x 3 - 5' wide; individual flowers bloom red, green, and blue all on one flower
Shamrock	'Shamrock' - 3.5 - 5' high and wide; lacecap with fully double pink flowers that turn deep pink to red as the season progresses; acidic soil will turn the flowers more violet than blue; extremely floriferous and a long-bloomer

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Twist-n-Shout	'Twist-n-Shout' - 4' high and wide; part of the Endless Summer series; flowers on both old and new wood; produces large pink lace-cap blooms, with acidic soil turning the flowers slightly blue; vigorous grower; dark red stems; shiny green foliage which turns a nice burgundy-red in fall

Photos



Hydrangea macrophylla - Leaves, Flowers



Hydrangea macrophylla - Flowers



Hydrangea macrophylla - Flowers



Hydrangea macrophylla - Leaf



Hydrangea macrophylla - Flowers



Hydrangea macrophylla - Leaves, Flowers



Hydrangea macrophylla - Bark



Hydrangea macrophylla - Bud



Hydrangea macrophylla - Habit