

# **Hydrangea List**



**PW**=Proven Winner varieties **FE**=First Editions varieties

# Hydrangea macrophylla (Large leaf hydrangea)

The hydrangeas in this class are the widely used blue and pink "mop head" hydrangeas, as well as a handful of "lace cap" type hydrangeas. Flowering begins in June or July and often continues until frost. They mainly bloom on old wood, or the previous year's growth. They should be pruned immediately after flowering stops, and only to deadhead spent flowers. In June, after they have started to leaf out again, dead wood (whole stems or partial stems with no leaf growth) should be removed. In our climate some large leaf hydrangeas will die back completely to the ground during harsh winters, preventing or delaying flowering for the following summer.

Large leaf hydrangeas perform best in bright morning sun, with some shade in the afternoon. Too much afternoon sun can lead to the plant wilting in summer months. Too much shad may inhibit flowering.

All large leaf hydrangeas should have extra winter protection, with heavy winter mulch and/or burlap wrapping, to protect them from harsh winters. This will provide an extra layer of protection for best flower production. This protection should not be removed until all chance of a late spring frost has passed.

#### **Changing Color:**

Blue flowers can be changed to pink by adding agricultural limestone in the spring, and pink flowers can be changed to blue by adding sulfur or aluminate sulfate, also in spring. Color change may take up to a year.

**'Eclipse':** 3'-5' tall and wide. First dark leaved bigleaf hydrangea has red/pink to purple flowers depending on pH. Flowers best on last years woody stems, so don't cut back in the fall. Shelter and protect plants for best flowering.

**Endless Summer 'Original':** 3'-5' tall and wide. Blue or pink mop head flowers. Blooms on old and new wood, but flowers best on new growth. Zone 5.

**Endless Summer 'Twist and Shout':** 3'-5' tall and wide. Blue or pink lace cape flowers. Blooms on old and new wood. Dark attractive stems. Zone 5.

**Endless Summer 'Bloomstruck':** 3'-5' tall and wide. Deep blue or pink mop head flowers. Blooms on old and new wood. 'Bloomstruck' blooms on new wood more reliably than Endless Summer 'Original', which makes it better suited for northern New England. Dark, purple-colored stems. Zone 5.

**Endless Summer 'Summer Crush':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Pink or purple mop head flowers. Blooms on old and new wood. Dark green foliage turns burgundy-red in fall.

**Endless Summer 'Popstar:** 1.5'-3' tall and wide. Compact variety with lace cap flowers in shades of electric blue-bright pink, depending on pH. Hardy to zone 4.

**PW Let's Dance 'Rave':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Very attractive foliage, with large flowers that tend to be either purple or deep red. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Skyview':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Sky blue or pink mophead flowers. Very attractive glossy leaves. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Blue Jangles':** 1'-2' tall and 2'-3'wide. Blue or pink mop head flowers. Very attractive glossy leaves. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Big Band':** 2.5'-2.5' tall and wide. Blue or pink mop head flowers. New 2021 variety. Better winter hardiness than other varieties. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Can do!':** 3'-4' tall and wide. Violet purple to pink lace cap flowers. Flowers on entire length of stem, improved winter hardiness. 2021 introduction. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Lovable':** 3'-4' tall and wide. Intense pink/purple/blue flowers depending on soil chemistry. 2024 introduction. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW Let's Dance 'Rhythmic Blue':** 3'-4' tall and wide. Deep Blue mophead type flowers. No prune variety with improved winter hardiness. Blooms on old and new wood. Zone 5.

**PW 'Wee Bit Giddy':** 2' tall and wide. Red flower, dwarf habit, Dark glossy foliage. Zone 5. 2021 Introduction.

**PW 'Wee Bit Grumpy':** 2' tall and wide. Intense deep blue-purple flower color, dwarf habit, Dark glossy foliage. Zone 5. 2021 Introduction.

PW 'Wee Bit Innocent': 2' tall and 2.5' wide. Pastel coloring. Doubled florets. 2025 introduction.

# Hydrangea paniculata ('Panicle' hydrangea)

These hydrangeas tend to be larger than *macrophylla*, with some compact varieties available. Flowers are always white, but age to either bronze, pink, or reddish hues. Flowering occurs starting in July or August and persists through much of fall. These are the hardiest hydrangeas, and can withstand dry soil and hot sun better than other hydrangeas. Growth is woody, so they do not die back to the ground. *Hydrangea paniculata* blooms on new growth, and an early spring pruning can increase flower production.

**'Grandiflora' (Peegee):** 10'-20' tall and wide. Large white flowers can be up to 18" long, and are excellent for drying. Very hardy. Can be pruned into a single stemmed tree form. Zone 3.

**PW 'Bobo':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Bobo is a very compact plant, with a profusion of white flowers covering from top to bottom. Excellent for container use or a low hedge. Zone 3.

**'Early Evolution:** 2'-2.5' tall and wide. Dome shaped flowers cover the foliage and start to emerge in June, before other varieties. Creamy white fading to a dusty rose color. Zone 5.

**PW 'Fire Light':** 3'-5' tall and wide. Cone shaped flowers that open bright white and mature to deep red. This compact hydrangea has a somewhat open habit, and is good for containers. Zone 4.

**PW 'Fire Light Tidbit':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Mophead flowers that open bright white and mature to deep red. This compact hydrangea has a somewhat open habit, and is good for containers. Smallest panicle hydrangea on the market. 2021 Introduction. Zone 4.

**PW 'Limelight':** 6'-10' tall and wide. Very dense, large cone shaped flowers open lime green, and mature to bright white and then pink. Can be pruned into a single stemmed tree form. Zone 3.

**PW 'Limelight Prime':** 4'-5' tall and wide. Very dense, large cone shaped flowers open lime green, and mature bright white and then pink. Earlier blooming and brighter color than the original 'Limelight', with stronger stems. 2021 Introduction. Zone 3.

- **FE 'Little Hottie':** 3-5' tall and wide. Compact plant with bright white flowers. Carefree and generous flowers for smaller scale gardens. Zone 3.
- **PW 'Little Lime Punch':** 3-5' tall and wide. Flowers open lime green, and mature into a vibrant pink progressively from the bottom up. A compact and sturdy plant. Zone 3.
- **PW 'Little Quickfire':** 3'-5' tall and wide. A compact version of Quickfire, this variety is good for use in containers. Smaller white flowers age to red. Zone 4.
- **PW 'Pinky Winky':** 6'-10' tall and wide. Cone shaped flowers start out bright white and age to a beautiful pink. Can be pruned into a single stemmed tree form. Zone 4.
- **PW 'Pinky Winky Prime':** 6'-9' tall and wide. Massive blooms on hearty plants. Can be used as a specimen or hedge. Zone 3.
- **PW 'Puffer Fish':** 3'-5' tall and wide. Semi-compact, mounding habit. Bright white flowers smother the plant in mid-late summer. As the main flowers age, a small tuft of new bright white flowers emerge at the top. Zone 4.
- **PW 'Quickfire':** 6'-10' tall and wide. Flowers are bright white "flat cones" that age to red. Very attractive foliage, and blooms earlier than other panicle hydrangeas. Zone 4.
- **PW 'Quickfire Fab':** 5'-6' tall and wide. Flowers are bright white "flat cones" that age to red. Very attractive foliage, and blooms earlier than other panicle hydrangeas. 2021 Introduction. Zone 3.
- **FE 'Strawberry Sundae':** 4'-5' tall and 3'-4' wide. Creamy white flowers turn to pink and then strawberry red. This is a compact plant that performs well in containers. Zone 3.
- **PW 'Tiny Quickfire':** 1.5'-3' tall and wide. Smallest selection currently available. Like 'Quickfire", it blooms earlier than other panicle hydrangeas. Zone 3.
- **FE 'Vanilla Strawberry':** 6'-10' tall and wide. Cone shaped flowers start out bright white and turn pink from the tip down. This hydrangea is unique in that it shows white and pink on its flowers simultaneously. Attractive dark stems. Zone 3.
- **PW 'Zinfin Doll':** 4'-6' tall and wide. Large, early mophead flowers. Early blooming with sturdy stems. White-Pink-Red. Zone 3.

### Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth leaf hydrangea)

Smooth leaf hydrangeas are cultivars of the U.S. native species of hydrangea, and are known for their exceptionally large, round, white flowers that appear mid-summer through early fall. Summer heat can cause them to wilt, but planting them in an area where they receive morning sun and afternoon shade will decrease wilting. Ample water is required for smooth leaf hydrangeas grown in full sun. Smooth leaf hydrangeas bloom on new wood, and can be pruned back by  $1/3^{rd}$  early in the spring to promote new growth and flowering. Smooth leaf hydrangeas are very hardy.

- **FE 'Flowerfull':** 3'-4' tall and 4'-5' wide. Low maintenance. Sturdy stems holding2-3 x more flowers per season that other traditional smooth leaf hydrangeas. Small blooms so they don't flop. Zone 3.
- 'Haas Halo': 3'-5' tall and wide. 14" wide, pure white lacecap flowers shower over deep blue-green foliage. Native to North America and is a perfect addition to a native or habitat garden. Bees love it! Plant it in a partial shade to full sun location (prefers morning sun). Zone 3.

**PW 'Incrediball':** 4'-5' tall and wide. Very large, white flowers can exceed 12" in size. The stems of 'Incrediball' are more sturdy than those of 'Annabelle', and tend to flop due to flower weight less. Zone 3.

**PW 'Incrediball Blush':** 4'-5' tall and wide. Very large, silvery pink flowers can exceed 12" in size. Sturdier stems than "Annabelle' and reblooming. Zone 3.

**PW 'Invincibelle Limetta:** 3'-4' tall and wide. Strong stems with lime green flowers. Zone 3.

**PW 'Invincibelle Garnetta':** 2.5' tall and wide. Sturdy, ruby red flowers, later season bloomer. 2021 Introduction. Zone 3.

'Annabelle': 5'-6' tall and wide. Annabelle is known for its large white flowers, and has been a staple of the landscape for many years. Very attractive planted in masses, or as a hedge along a fence for support. Zone 3.

**'Pinky Pollen Ring':** 4'-5' tall and wide. Easy care. Non droopy stems holding pastel pink lacecap flowers. A pollinator magnet. Native to North America. Versatile soil and light conditions. Zone 3.

# Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf hydrangea)

These varieties of hydrangea have leaves shaped like oak leaves that turn deep red in the fall, and are native to the south-eastern U.S. Oakleaf hydrangea have cone shaped flowers that bloom in mid to late summer. They perform best in partial shade and benefit from shade or filtered light, specifically in the afternoon. Oakleaf hydrangeas bloom on old wood. Very little pruning is required, but a light trim or shaping can be done immediately after flowering has ceased.

**PW Gatsby 'Star':** 6'-8' tall and wide. Open cone shaped flowers. Flowers are double petaled, giving it a lacy look. Flowers start out white and mature to pink. In fall its foliage turns burgundy. Zone 5.

**FE 'Jetstream':** 5'-6' tall, 4'-5' wide. 'Jetstream' has a wonderfully dense upright habit, with smaller leaves that turn orange-red in the fall. Bright white flowers that mature to pink are held high on tall stems. Zone 5.

**FE 'Ruby Slippers':** 3'-4' tall and 4'-5' wide. 'Ruby slippers' is another compact oakleaf variety, with bright white flowers that quickly mature to red. Fall leaf color is a rich mahogany. More spreading than 'Jetstream'. Zone 5.

### Hydrangea serrata (Mountain hydrangea)

Mountain Hydrangea look very much like big leaf hydrangeas, but with more glossy leaves. Their flowers are lace cap shaped, and can be blue or pink depending on soil pH. Flowering starts in mid-summer and continues until frost. The varieties we sell are both re-blooming, and require very little pruning. Pruning should be done only to remove dead wood. They prefer to be planted in part sun, but hold up to heat and direct afternoon sun better than big leaf varieties.

**PW 'Tuff Stuff':** 2'-3' tall, 3'-4' wide. 'Tuff Stuff has beautiful lace cap flowers that are bluish purple in acidic soil, and pink in alkaline soil. Flowers are double petaled. Glossy green leaves. Zone 5.

**PW 'Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha':** 2'-3' tall and wide. Double florets with beautiful lace cap flowers that are bluish purple in acidic soil, and pink in alkaline soil. Prolific bloomer. Glossy green leaves. Zone 5.

**PW 'Tuff Stuff Top Fun:** 2'-3' tall and wide. Lace cap flowers on bright burgundy stems. Continuous bloomer. Zone 4.

**PW 'Tiny Tuff Stuff':** 1.5'-2' tall and wide. A more compact version of 'Tuff Stuff' that is excellent in containers. Glossy green leaves and double petaled lace cape flowers that can be bluish purple in acidic soil or pink in alkaline soil. Zone 5.

# Hydrangea anomalia 'Petiolaris' (Climbing hydrangea)

Climbing hydrangea is a very versatile vine that can be grown on trees, arbors or trellises, and even directly onto a brick wall. It can reach a mature height of 40' and grows vigorously once established. White lace cap flowers cover the vine beginning in July and last through August. Climbing hydrangea prefers to be grown in full to partial shade.

Some varieties may not be available at certain times of the season.

Additionally, we may stock varieties that do not appear on this list.