

Hydrangea (*Hydrangeaceae*)

GARDEN HYDRANGEAS

macrophylla (H. ortensia) (H. hortensis)

Origin: Japan. Deciduous shrub, wide and upright, round habit. Leaves: large, oval, dentate, green, very ornamental. Flowers: from June to September at the top of each of the numerous branches and made up of a cluster of small, fertile central flowers and surrounded by larger sterile flowers which are more showy; together form a globular or flat inflorescence, 16-20cm wide, which can be, depending on the variety, white, purple, pink or blue and which provide a wonderful splash of rich colour even in the poorest garden. They are definitely recommended for all gardens... that don't have a gardener! Their growing requirements are minimal: plenty of water and well drained acid soil. They require little light, little pruning, little manuring, no special treatment. Hydrangeas have a root system which spreads considerably, but they are also able to withstand being grown in pots without the size of the flowers being affected.

Mopheads varieties



"Alpenglücken"

Red.

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“Madame Mouillère”

White and then pink.

“Maman Bleu”

Blue.



“Maman Rose”

Pink.

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"Maréchal Foch"

Light blue.

"Mars"

Pink-red with white margins.



"Masja"

Red-pinkis, mauve in acid soil.

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“Nikko Bleu”

Light pink flowers, that may turn blue.

“Soeur Thérèse”

White.



“Tiziana”

Pale pink.

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“Zaffiro”

Red.



Lacecap varieties



“Camino”®

Soft pink flowers.

“Libelle” (“Teller Weiss”)

Pure white.



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"Santiago"®

Pink flowers, violet in acid soil, both inflorescences and foliage become red in summer, scarlet in autumn.

"Taube"

Pink flowers.



"Tricolor"

Central flowers are blue and white, surrounded by sterile white and pink ones. Large leaves edged in white.



"Zorro"® Bleu

Central sterile flowers blue.

Shrubby Hortensias



arborescens "Annabelle"

Origin: USA. Bushy, vigorous, deciduous shrub. Large oval leaves. Spectacular white .



**aspera ssp sargentiana
(H. sargentiana)**

Deciduous shrub with upright habit. Oval-elongated leaves, slightly dentate, 5-10 cm long, dull green. From July to October, large panicles of blue or purple fertile flowers, surrounded by white sterile flowers, sometimes tinged with purple. Plant on its own or in clumps.

aspera ssp villosa (H. villosa)

Oval deciduous leaves, 10-15cm, green with paler underside. Flat, violet-mauve flowers, 15-20cm wide, surrounded by pinkish sterile flowers. Plant on its own or in clumps. Grows very well in pots and troughs.





paniculata "Grandiflora"

Deciduous shrub, rounded habit with upright branches which droop under the weight of the flowers. Large, pale green leaves which turn red in autumn. Flowers in pure white, long panicles, 20-30cm, from June to the end of August. Before fading the flowers a beautiful and unusual shade of pale-green which in England is called "Chartreuse green". Requires fertile, cool soil.

paniculata "Great Star"®

New cultivar with truly distinctive perfumed white flowers that are crowded together in large panicles – a mass of fertile flowers topped by countless star-shaped sterile flowers.





paniculata "Limelight"®

Origin: Holland. New variety which grows upright and well branched. From mid August to the end of October it produces large flowers in panicles, initially green and later pale green, even white. Grows very well in containers.

paniculata "Pinky Winky"

Like paniculata "Grandiflora", but flowers are pink at the base, white at the tip.





paniculata "Sundae Fraise"®

Dense, upright habit. Flowers in panicles, about 30 cm long and 20 cm wide at the base, soft pinky-white at start of flowering, then all pink. Use and growing requirements: like *H. paniculata* "Grandiflora".

petiolaris
(*H. anomala* subs. *Petiolaris*),
Climbing Hydrangea

Origin: Japan, Taiwan, Korea. Trailing shrub with characteristic branches that have a reddish, scaly bark and aerial roots which cling onto supports. Deciduous leaves, 8-15cm long, 4-8cm wide, ovate-rounded, dentate, larger at the base, from pale to medium green and beautiful yellow in autumn. Flowers from May to August in flat, greenish-white inflorescences, 15-25cm wide. Very hardy, grows well even up to 1000 meters above sea level.





quercifolia,
Oak-leaved Hydrangea

Origin: USA. Deciduous shrub with thick growth, strong, woody stems. Very beautiful leaves, up to 20cm long, 18cm wide, oval or rounded with 3-7 lobes, finely dentate, dark green and greyish on the underside. In autumn the leaves become wine-red and then as the nights turn cold they are covered in strokes of orange. Flowers in June-July in upright panicles, 10-15cm long, of small flowers, initially white and then pink. Requires fertile and cool soil.

serrata "Preziosa"

Compact shrub with many branches. Deciduous oval leaves, 8-12 cm, are purple- coloured in spring, later becoming bright green. Medium-sized mophead flowers vary in colour on the same plant: from pale pink, through bright pink with red marks, to bronzed-red in autumn; flowers last from July to October. Growing requirements and uses: as for all Garden Hydrangeas.

