

# Hydrangea Varieties

## CROCKER NURSERIES

Hydrangea macrophylla - Bigleaf hydrangea, best grown in rich, medium moisture in part shade but will tolerate full sun only if grown in consistently moist soil. Soil pH affects the flower color of most cultivars (blue to purple in highly acidic soil and lilac to pink in slightly acidic or alkaline soil). Some varieties noted below will stay pink or red despite acidic soil and white flowers will stay white. Add aluminum sulfate to the soil to make the flower bluer or add lime to make the flowers pinker. Begin soil treatments well in advance of flower (early spring). Generally need little pruning, but if needed prune immediately after flowering by cutting back flowering stems to a pair of healthy buds. Prune out weak or winter-damaged stems in early spring.

**Note: an \* next to the variety name indicates that it is one of our favorite varieties**

\*'Blue Enchantress' – Ruby black stems, flowers age to a cream-splashed green

'Pia' – Dwarf variety getting only 2' tall and wide, pink flower stays pink

'Masja' – Large blooms that are vivid red to deep purple

'L.A. Dreamin' – Shades of purple blue and pink on the same plant

'All Summer Beauty' – prolific bloomer, rich blue in acidic soil, handsome green foliage

'Glowing Embers' – pink blooms that stay pink, gets 6' tall and wide

'Seaside Serenade Hamptons' – Huge ball shaped blooms with thick intense pink flowers great red fall foliage

'Cape Cod' – only 4' tall and wide, blue or pink flowers have a white center

'Nigra' – rose to blue flowers on interesting blackish-purple stems

'Nikko Blue' – abundant flowers, handsome foliage and mounded form 4-6' tall and wide, most common variety on Cape Cod

'Mini Penny' – dwarf shrub 2-3' tall with blue or pink flowers

\*'Red 'N Pretty' – abundance of red-violet large flowers that stay red

\*'Mathilda Gutges' – intense violet blue flowers in acidic soil

\*'Nantucket Blue' – prolific blooming with repeat blooming until frost

'Zebra' – glowing white blooms and lush green foliage contrast with near black stems

'Next Generation Wedding Ring' – bicolor flower ranges from light pink to pastel blue with a white scalloped edge. Blooms on old and new wood.

**\*CITYLINE SERIES: DWARF VARIETIES STAY SMALL, 1-3' TALL AND WIDE**

'Mars' – variegated flowers range from deep indigo-blue to magenta-pink and age to green

'Paris' – deep red flowers that stay red and one of the smallest hydrangeas on the market

'Rio' – Blue to purple flowers long lasting flowers

'Berlin' – Pastel pink or blue flowers are long lasting and age to green

**LET'S DANCE SERIES – BLOOMS ON OLD AND NEW WOOD**

'Rave' – flowers are rich violet purple in acidic soil and saturated pink in alkaline soil

'Rhapsody Blue' – reblooming and compact 3' tall and wide, blooms are deep rich blue with a touch of purple

'Rhythmic Blue' – superior cold climate performance, deep rich blue or pink

### EVERLASTING SERIES:

'Garnet' - reddish pink or blue flowers fade to a deep pink with green highlights and then to a bright lime green with pink edges

'Jade' – soft green and cream flowers, blooms on old and new wood

'Ocean' – baby pink cupped flowers with ruffled edges age into darker shades of pink and white and finally lime green with pink edges

### LACECAP:

'Blue Wave' – reliable blue flower color and long lasting flowers (pink in alkaline soils)

'Coerulea' – lovely blue lacecap flowers in acidic soil

'Wedding Gown' – double white flower head with an outer ring of large double flowers

### ENDLESS SUMMER COLLECTION:

'Bailmer' – The original with big blue or pink blooms, blooms on old and new wood.

\*'Twist-n-Shout' – reblooming lacecap hydrangea on sturdy red stems

\*'Bloomstruck' – vivid purple or rose-pink flower heads blooming on sturdy red stems

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*Hydrangea aborescens* – loose and widely branched deciduous shrub that typically grows 3-6'. Blooms on new wood so plants may be pruned back close to the ground to encourage vigorous stem growth and best form. Does best in part shade but will tolerate full sun with consistent moisture.

'Annabelle' - clusters of white flowers appear in huge, symmetrical, rounded heads typically 8-12" across, blooms for 2 months starting in June, sometimes with repeat bloom in the fall.

'Haas Halo' – deep bluish green glossy foliage and wide 14" diameter white lace cap blooms on sturdy stems that never flop.

'Invincebelle Limetta' – dwarf habit only getting 3' tall and wide with lime green flowers that age to a soft green-white. Strong stems ensure no flopping.

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*Hydrangea paniculata* – one of the most winter hardy hydrangeas, best pruned to a height of 6-10', but will grow 10-20'. Blooms on new growth so it can be pruned as needed in late winter to early spring and can even be pruned to the ground. Features dark green leaves and upright, sharply-pointed conical flower panicles that are 6-8" long and bloom from mid summer to fall. Will tolerate full sun to part shade.

'Baby Lace' – dwarf shrub growing only 3-4' tall and wide with petite lacy white blooms and thrives in bright sunny areas.

\*'Limelight' – produces large dense, cone-shaped panicles that emerge white, mature to chartreuse-lime and eventually acquire pink to rose tones before fading to beige.

'Little Lamb' – Unique small and delicate flowers are held in tight flower heads that look like dancing lambs floating above the shrub. Pure white blooms may turn pink in fall.

\*'Little Lime' – compact growth habit getting 3-5' tall and wide with lime green blooms that open on strong stems so no drooping. As it ages rich pink coloring emerges that persists through fall.

'Phantom' – creamy white flowers form the largest flower heads of the species, up to 15" long. Flowers graduate to a blushing soft pink as the summer progresses. Sturdy stems ensure no drooping.

'Quickfire' – first to bloom with pure white flowers that turn pink and then extremely dark rosy-pink in fall. Excellent fall foliage.

\*‘Little Quickfire’ – dwarf form of Quick Fire only getting 3-5’ tall and wide.

‘Grandiflora’ – commonly called peegee hydrangea is a rapidly growing shrub growing 10-15’ tall. White flowers slowly age to pink then brown or tan persisting into the fall. The weight of the flower panicles will typically cause the branches to arch downward.

\*‘Bobo’ – dwarf panicle hydrangea gets only 30-36” tall with large white flowers on upright strong stems with no flopping and flowers completely covering the plant.

‘Pee Wee’ – dwarf version of the peegee hydrangea ‘Grandiflora’ getting only 3-5’ tall and 2-5’ wide.

‘Snow Mountain’ – lacey white flowers that start early July and persist through September.

‘Pinky Winky’ – large white flowers with the flowers at the base turning pink with the top staying white

creating spectacular two-toned blooms that get up to 16”.

‘Firelight’ – Full flower heads on strong stems age to a vivid red for lots of summer color.

‘Tardiva’ – showy white flowers are somewhat loosely packed in panicles and turn purplish pink with age. Flowers are lighter and don’t cause as much arching in the branches.

‘Strawberry Shake’ – Compact form reaching 4-5’ tall and wide with big full flower heads that start out white and mature to pink.

‘Strawberry Sundae’ – growing only 5’ tall flowers emerge white, change to pink and mature to strawberry red with multicolored flowering occurring in late summer as new blooms join mature flowers.

‘Vanilla Strawberry’ – growing 6-8’ tall. White flowers change to pink and mature to pinkish-red with multicolored flowering in late summer.

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Hydrangea quercifolia – Oakleaf hydrangea blooms on old wood and typically grows 4-6’ tall. Generally don’t require much pruning, can prune flowers after they bloom then prune out dead wood and winter damage in early spring. Produces pyramidal panicles of white flowers in summer and has lobed, oak-like dark green leaves.

‘Jetstream’ – dense, compact, non-flopping habit and flowers held on strong stems that start white and age to pink. Orange-red leaf color in fall.

‘Munchkin’ – dwarf variety growing only 3’ tall and wide with a profusion of white flowers that age to pink and stay upright on sturdy stems.

‘Ruby Slippers’ – White flowers mature to a ruby red, with mahogany-red fall foliage. Compact form gets 3-4’ tall and wide.

\*‘Snowflake’ – white flower clusters with intricate blossoms resemble snowflakes. Long blooming season with brilliant purple and crimson fall foliage.

‘Pee Wee’ – compact and rounded habit only 3-4’ tall and wide. Smaller leaves and smaller flower panicles with attractive fall color.

‘Alice’ – growing 5-8’ tall and noted for its large arching flower panicles, 10-14” long and superior fall color.

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Hydrangea Serrata – similar to macrophylla but with a more compact shrub and smaller flowers and leaves typically growing 2-4’ tall and wide with toothed, ovate and dull green leaves and flattened clusters of flowers in lacecap form. Flowers will be blue in acidic soil and pink in alkaline soil. Blooms on old wood and does best in part shade.

\*‘Bluebird’ – a ring of sea blue florets surround a cluster of rich blue flowers growing 4-6’ tall and wide.

‘Blue Billow’ – clusters of light blue flowers turn stunning crimson as they age.

\*‘Tiny Tuff Stuff’ – growing only 18-24” with abundant delicate but very hardy flowers. Rebloomer.

‘Tuff Stuff Red’ – deep pink-red flowers begin blooming in early summer and produce flowers through autumn.

‘Tuff Stuff’ – this tough hydrangea has showy pink to purple blue flowers with a tidy habit growing 2-3’ tall.

‘Seaside Serenade Cape May’ – very large lacecap flower are blue in acidic soil with a compact form that gets 3’ tall and wide.