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Pee Wee Hydrangea

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Oak Leaf Hydrangea

Description:

An choice compact garden or massing shrub featuring showy spikes of flowers which fade from pure white to pink, interesting foliage with spectacular fall color and papery bark; somewhat coarse in appearance, best used in groupings

Ornamental Features

Pee Wee Hydrangea features bold fragrant conical white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges grayish green in spring. The fuzzy lobed leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Pee Wee Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pee Wee Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

Pee Wee Hydrangea in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Pee Wee Hydrangea flowers
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- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Container Planting*

Planting & Growing

Pee Wee Hydrangea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Pee Wee Hydrangea flowers (faded)
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Pee Wee Hydrangea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Growing Place Choice Plants

Our Growing Place Choice plants are chosen because they are strong performers year after year, staying attractive with less maintenance when planted in the right place.