

Ruby Slippers Oakleaf Hydrangea



It flowers beautifully in almost complete shade and the pink flowers certainly brighten up dark areas. The compact form works in smaller landscapes and is useful for mass planting, hedges or borders.

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Ruby Slippers'

- **Use:** Compact, rounded form of the beautiful Oakleaf Hydrangea, sized just right for smaller gardens. Large, upright 9" flower clusters open white in early summer, then become pale pink and finally, deep rose. In fall, the big show happens when its leaves turn brilliant mahogany. North American native.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. a dramatic, white-blooming shrub with four seasons of interest. A tremendous advantage of the Oakleaf is that it can thrive in much dryer locations than its cousins. Mopheads struggle in my sandy soil, but the Oakleaf hydrangeas thrive with very little attention.
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 3 to 4 feet high; and 4-5' width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Robust blooms remain upright even after heavy rains. Dark green, deeply lobed oak-like foliage turns brilliant mahogany in fall.
- **Flower:** A profusion of exceptionally large, white blooms in summer that quickly age to deep pink.

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