

Shooting Star Lacecap Hydrangea



Provides cut flowers to bring inside and display in vases or dried in bundles.

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Shooting Star' ('Sumida-no-Hanabi')

- **Use:** Each fully double, white flower head of this Lacecap Hydrangea is like a mini bridal bouquet, with an outer ring of large, double flowers surrounding a center packed with smaller, double ones. Flowering begins earlier than that of most varieties of *Hydrangea macrophylla* and continues on new growth into fall if spent blooms are removed regularly.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Partial sun/ light shade (a little morning and afternoon shade is best with mid day sun). Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Keep water off leaves. **DO NOT PLANT IN FULL SUN!**
- **Growth:** Fast-growing to 6 feet high; equal width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Shrub Because it sets buds on old wood, a late freeze can kill potential blooms. Planting in morning shade or cover with a heavy blanket during temps below 25 degrees.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Handsome foliage on boldly branched, mounded form.
- **Flower:** Star-shaped blooms emerge white, then fade into a pretty green hue. Likened to a small bridal bouquet, large, double white blooms start out as mopheads and open as lacecaps. Primarily blooms on old wood (growth from the previous year), requiring protection from late frosts to ensure spring flowers. It may produce a repeat bloom in autumn, but should not be heavily pruned in spring.

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