Dragon Baby[™] Panicle Hydrangea





Hydrangea paniculata 'Dragon Baby'

- <u>Use</u>: Precious and powerful like a baby dragon, this improved Hardy Hydrangea delivers extrordinary flower power in a petite form for modern outdoor spaces. Blooms start cream and lime before igniting to a rich pink as summer fades to fall. Try it in the border, the foundation, the woodland garden, or even as a specimen. You will be amazed at its beauty and ever-changing interest.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Afternoon or dappled shade preferred, but will tolerate full sun if on irrigation and you don't mind some leaf burn from our August heat blazes in Zone 8. Easy to grow in moist, well-drained soil, but allow to dry out slightly in between waterings. Amend the soil with a peat based mix (like Pro-Mix) or organic compost amendment.
- **<u>Growth</u>**: Grows 2-3' tall and wide within just a few seasons.
- Hardiness: Zone 3-8; Shrub
- **<u>Foliage</u>**: Deciduous. Handsome bright, green foliage on boldly branched, mounded form. We find the deer enjoy tender spring foliage, but as the hydrangea gets taller and foliage larger and rougher they leave ours alone. We spray early spring foliage with "Liquid Fence" and by late summer the deer tend to leave them alone when leaves are too rough for their taste.
- <u>Flower:</u> Its blossoms emerge in creamy lime hues, transforming into a vibrant pink as summer transitions into fall, creating a captivating visual journey. In autumn the color contrast is enhanced with our cooler temperatures. Great for cut flowers.

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