

Munchkin Oakleaf Hydrangea



Hydrangea quercifolia 'Munchkin'

- **Use:** An exceptional U.S. National Arboretum introduction. Enjoy a profusion of robust flower clusters that open white and age to pink, remaining upright even after heavy rain. Dark green, deeply lobed oak-like foliage turns brilliant mahogany in fall. Compact and well-suited for smaller landscapes, in groups, or as a hedge. The peeling brown bark keeps it interesting even in winter. More deer tolerant than some other hydrangeas, but still needs protection.
- **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; reaches 3 ft. to 4 1/2 ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Foliage turns from dark green to rich red-mahogany.
- **Flower:** Blooms open pure white, then turn a rich pink, so that many shades are present at once on the shrub. The bloomwands are very large and heavy, yet they point up and out even after a good summer storm. More petals stay on the inflorescences so the shrub always looks unruffled.

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