

# Toy Soldier™ Oakleaf Hydrangea



## *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Bocotoso' USPPAF

- **Use:** White and green flowers sit atop sturdy stems each summer and fall with foliage that changes to a rich vermilion red in autumn. This improved native hydrangea stands as strong as a toy soldier.
- **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 4 to 5 feet high; equal width in only 3 –4 years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage is quilted with pointed lobed leaves! Then they transform into gorgeous vermilion red, maroon, or even purplish in the fall.
- **Flower:** White and green flowers bloom in cone-shaped clusters during the summer and fall.



It flowers beautifully in almost complete shade and the white flowers certainly brighten up dark areas.

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