

Barbara Ann Climbing Hydrangea



Deucamaria Barbara 'Barbara Ann'

- **Use:** A recently introduced native, deciduous vine, noted for having superior foliar characteristics and fragrant flowers. Will scale solid walls or structures. This low maintenance beauty will renew your boring backyard and create an exciting getaway! Moderately to highly deer resistant
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full to part shade. Though it tolerates dry periods it's great for moist Southern gardens with seasonal flooding.
- **Growth:** Fast growing, this beautiful vine climbs up to 5 feet a year to 30 or more feet in height attaching by rootlets to wood, brick and other surfaces. Great for climbing tree trunks! Self-clinging, but noninvasive. Must climb a vertical surface (trees, rock walls, fences) to produce flowers; when growing flat on the ground as a trailing groundcover, it remains non-blooming.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5/6-9; Vine
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. 4-6" dark green, glossy leaves. Unlike some woodland vines the climbing hydrangea maintains full leaf coverage from the ground to the very top of the vine. In fall, the leaves turn a pleasing soft yellow before dropping for the winter.
- **Flower:** Flowers (3-6") open in late May in white clusters and consist of larger male florets surrounding female florets. Florets persist into winter where they take on a purple-brown to light brown color. Fruits are inconspicuous. It needs a few years of climbing to get the blooms started.

It is native to south-eastern United States, where it is widespread. Its typical natural habitat is wet bottomland forest, although it is also found in rich mesic forests in the Appalachian Mountains.

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