



Oakleaf Hydrangea

Hydrangea quercifolia

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full sun to part shade or filtered shade
- Soils: Moist, well-drained soils
- Bloom Time: May, June, July
- Size: 6-8 feet.

Perfect size, low maintenance shrub for an informal hedge or as a showy specimen. Shade tolerant. Finely divided leaves reminiscent of oaks, and large white flower spikes persist throughout the season. Fabulous fall color, and the peely bark and dry flowers provide winter interest as well. Great replacement for the ever-popular non-native hydrangeas. Native to southern states but does well in Massachusetts landscapes.

Garden Companions

Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*); Flame Azalea (*Rhododendron calendulaceum*); Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*); Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)

Nature Benefits

- Insects overwinter in spent stems.
- Nesting material for birds

Native Habitat

Moist woods, riverbanks of southern states.