Great Star™ Hydrangea

Hydrangea paniculata 'Le Vasterival'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A beautiful shrub valued for its prominent near round panicles of white star shaped flowers in summer; blooms well in shade; regular pruning recommended; needs acidic well-drained soil; an exotic garden accent

Ornamental Features

Great Star Hydrangea features bold clusters of white star-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Great Star Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Great Star Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Great Star Hydrangea flowers
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Great Star Hydrangea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Great Star Hydrangea will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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