



## Pee Wee Hydrangea

*Hydrangea quercifolia* "Pee Wee"

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Oak Leaf Hydrangea

### Description:

An choice compact garden or massing shrub featuring showy spikes of flowers which fade from pure white to pink, interesting foliage with spectacular fall color and papery bark; somewhat coarse in appearance, best used in groupings

### Ornamental Features:

Pee Wee Hydrangea features bold fragrant conical white flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green foliage which emerges grayish green in spring. The fuzzy lobed leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes:

Pee Wee Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pee Wee Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting



*Hydrangea quercifolia* "Pee Wee" flowers  
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*Hydrangea quercifolia* "Pee Wee" in bloom  
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## **Plant Characteristics:**

Pee Wee Hydrangea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder zones.

This is a selection of a native North American species.

**<b>This plant is not reliably hardy and requires winter protection in MN.</b>**

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