

Botanical Name: Hydrangea macrophylla 'Variegata'

Common Name: Variegated garden hydrangea

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright oval shrub with variegated white and green leaves;

lacy pinkish violet flower clusters in late spring

Height 4-6' Spread 3-5' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors part shade to shade - can be used in full sun at coast

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 3-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves broadly elliptical to 6" long, serrated margins, marbles

with creamy white variegation

Flowers 'Lace-cap' variety with clusters of small fertile flowers

surrounded by large sterile flowers

Fruit

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent source of summer color - good shade accent with

brightly colored foliage, summer flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs heavy watering

Fertilizing acid fertilizer will turn flowers blue, superphosphate turns

them pink

Pruning head back hard in winter - thin out dead branches

Pests/Diseases aphids

Special Conditions begin fertilizer treatment well ahead of bloom for most

effective bloom color

Origin: Japan Family: Saxifragaceae