



Hydrangea quercifolia 'Munchkin'



Botanical Name: *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Munchkin'
(NA 73936; PI 658494)

Hardiness: USDA Zones 5-8.

Development: 'Munchkin' was developed from seedlings obtained from a 1997 open-pollination of oakleaf hydrangea cultivar 'Sikes Dwarf'. It was released in 2010.

Significance: 'Munchkin' is one of the first two hydrangea cultivars developed from the U.S. National Arboretum's shrub breeding program in McMinnville, Tenn. Its compact form and dense plant habit make it ideally suited for use in small residential landscapes.

Description: **Height and width:** 3 feet tall and 4.5 feet wide at 9 years.

Habit: Small, deciduous, rounded shrub.

Foliage: Dark green in summer; mahogany-red in fall.

Flowers: In early summer, 'Munchkin' produces abundant, 6.5 inch long inflorescences that are held upright above the foliage. Flowers open white and gradually turn medium pink.

Propagation: Softwood cuttings root in 4 to 6 weeks under mist with 4000 ppm IBA.

Landscape Use: Foreground planting in the shrub border, deciduous hedge, mass planted in large areas.

Availability: For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Sandra Reed, U.S. National Arboretum, 472 Cadillac Lane, McMinnville, TN 37110, Sandra.Reed@ars.usda.gov