Samantha Hydrangea

Hydrangea radiata 'Samantha'



Samantha Hydrangea flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Silver Leaf Hydrangea, Sevenbark, Snowy Hydrangea

Description:

A hardy, showy shrub which features enormous ball-shaped white flower heads in mid summer, lasting for a long time; best if treated like a perennial and pruned to a few inches from the ground in spring, blooms on new growth; somewhat coarse

Ornamental Features

Samantha Hydrangea features bold balls of white flowers at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green foliage with silver undersides. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Samantha Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its strikingly bold and coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced landscape composition.

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.

Samantha Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Samantha Hydrangea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 selection of a native North American species.