Plum Passion® Hydrangea

Hydrangea aspera 'Koki'



Plum Passion Hydrangea foliage
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

A gorgeous compact shrub that features emerging green foliage flushed with purple, maturing to deep reddish purple with rosy undersides; showy lacecap blooms with lilac flowers in the center; a wonderful choice for the flower garden or border

Ornamental Features

Plum Passion Hydrangea features bold white lacecap flowers with lilac purple overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive plum purple foliage with rose undersides and tinges of grayish green which emerges green in spring. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn burgundy and in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Plum Passion 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Plum Passion Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Plum Passion Hydrangea will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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 microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.