Chiri-san Sue Hydrangea

Hydrangea serrata 'Chiri-san Sue'



Chiri-san Sue Hydrangea flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Mountain Hydrangea

Description:

A beautiful compact shrub that features showy lacecap blooms with surrounding pink or blue florets, depending on soil pH; flowers from midsummer to early autumn; attractive textured foliage; perfect for the shade garden or border



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Ornamental Features

Chiri-san Sue Hydrangea features bold pink lacecap flowers with sky blue overtones at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive chartreuse flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive forest green foliage with hints of burgundy. The textured pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Chiri-san Sue 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.

Chiri-san Sue Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Chiri-san Sue Hydrangea will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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.