Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea

Dichroa febrifuga 'Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf'



Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Chinese Quinine

Description:

An exotic evergreen shrub from the hydrangea family; branches hold large clusters of white flowers with lavender stamens in late spring, over deep green narrow foliage; berries tend to be more purple-pink than blue; an outstanding landscape accent



Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea is smothered in stunning clusters of white star-shaped flowers with lavender anthers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive creamy white flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The serrated narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent fuchsia berries with deep purple overtones in late summer.

Landscape Attributes

Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Yamaguchi Narrow-leaf Hydrangea will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

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 full 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.