

## *Hydrangea quercifolia*

### Oak leaf hydrangea



*Hydrangea quercifolia* 1.5-1.75m multistem CG

*Hydrangea quercifolia* is a spreading deciduous shrub with large green leaves, turning red and purple in autumn. As with the oak tree this hydrangea has deeply lobed leaves, hence its common name 'Oak Leaf Hydrangea'. This shrub is native to the woodlands of South-east America.

*Hydrangea quercifolia* can be sensitive to colder climates, so does much better in warmer areas or in sheltered gardens; especially younger plants. It is also great as a screening plant due to its spreading habit. shoots can be cut to the ground every 2 to 3 years to keep it small. However, if left to grow the naturally peeling bark is an extremely attractive feature.

Oakleaf hydrangea thrives in moist soil so retaining this is essential. Due to this, river banks and wet woodlands make a perfect habitat.

During the Summer months, cones of small white flowers start to blossom. *Hydrangea quercifolia* can hold its flowers through into autumn, it isn't uncommon to see the delicate blooms paired with the fiery red leaves.

## Plant Profile

**Name:** *Hydrangea quercifolia*

**Common Name:** Oak leaf hydrangea

**Family:** Hydrangeaceae

**Height:** 2.0-2.5m

**Width:** 2.5-3.0m

**Demands:** Full sun or partial shade

**Soil:** Moist but well drained

**Foliage:** Bright green lobed leaves, fiery red in Autumn.

**Flowers:** Large cones of white flowers blooming in late Summer, then turning shades of pink during Autumn.



*Hydrangea quercifolia* flower CG





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*Hydrangea quercifolia* has great wildlife value.

It's a pollen and nectar source for insects such as bees and also hosts two types of moth; *Hydrangea* Sphinx Moth and *Hydrangea* Leaf-tier Moth.



*Hydrangea quercifolia* flower



*Hydrangea quercifolia* 0.8-1.0m multistem CG



*Hydrangea quercifolia* leaf