



## *Hydrangea macrophylla*

Hortensia



*Hydrangea macrophylla* flower

*Hydrangea macrophylla*, commonly known as hortensia, is a captivating flowering shrub native to Japan, Korea, and China. Renowned for its large, showy blooms and lush foliage, it's a beloved favourite in gardens around the world. What sets *Hydrangea macrophylla* apart is its remarkable ability to change flower colour based on soil pH levels. In acidic soils, blooms tend to be blue or purple, while alkaline soils produce pink or red flowers.

Typically, Hortensia grows to around 2.0-4.0 metres making it an ideal choice for borders, hedges or container gardens. Leaves are broad, glossy and serrated, providing a beautiful fresh green backdrop for its stunning blossom. *Hydrangea macrophylla* blooms from late spring to early summer with some varieties continuing to flower into autumn.

Caring for *Hydrangea macrophylla* involves providing well-draining soil with regular watering, and partial shade, especially in hotter climates. Pruning should be done once a year to encourage new growth.

### Plant Profile

**Name:** *Hydrangea macrophylla*

**Common Name:** Hortensia

**Family:** *Hydrangeaceae*

**Height** 2.0-4.0 metres

**Width:** 2.0-4.0 metres

**Demands:** Full sun to partial shade in a sheltered location.

**Soil:** Prefers rich fertile, moist soil. Will tolerate clay, loam and sand.

**Foliage:** Deciduous with large leaves with a slight serrated edge and sharp point.

**Flowers:** Large heads of pink or blue flowers in Summer and Autumn.



*Hydrangea macrophylla* 1.0-1.25m



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*Hydrangea macrophylla* 1.25-1.5m multi-stem



*Hydrangea macrophylla* 1.25-1.5m multistems in bloom