

Oakleaf Hydrangea

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Family: Hydrangeaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: woody

Leaf Color: dark green

Fall Color: red with some orange, brown and purple—very good

Flower Time: summer

Flower Color: white—fades to pink then brown

Fruit: small capsule, not significant

Light: full sun to part shade

Moisture: well-drained

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 5-9

Insect/Disease Issues:

None serious

Nativity:

Southeastern United States

**Location in the
Gardens:**

Stafford Garden



Landscape Value:

Plants grow in an upright, mounded shrub 4' to 6' wide and tall. They can be difficult to incorporate in the landscape because of their coarse nature, but the beautiful flowers and amazing fall color are reason enough to take on the challenge. Shrubs prefer full sun to part shade performing best with protection from the hot late-day sun. Prefers (almost demands) good loamy, well-drained soil. Young plants benefit from winter protection until well established as much of Iowa is on the north edge of its hardiness range. Flowers occur in pyramidal clusters 4" to 12" tall and half as wide. Several cultivars available, such as 'Alice,' 'Snowflake,' and 'Pee Wee,' which have superior flower color and/or growth habit.

Notes:

Plants may experience die-back after hard winters and flowering will be affected as the flowers form on old growth. Additionally, prune just after flowering but before August to not affect bloom. Even without flowers, plants make nice landscape shrubs.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec