### Hydrangea paniculata 'Big Ben' Acc. 658

**Synonyms:** No synonyms found. **Awards**: RHS - AGM 2008. **Patents**: No patents found.

**Description:** 

*Height x Width:* 2.2 x 1.5 m *Habit:* Very upright habit

**Stems & leaves:** Stems upright and arching starting of red but mature to brown, with medium sized mid-green coarse leaves that are unattractive.

**Panicles:** Very thin open pointed panicles 300 x 200 mm with even distribution of fertile flowers with a 20% cover of sterile flowers that start of white and then they turn pink mostly on the reverse of the hanging sepals slowly from the base upward.

*Overall assessment:* A distinct cultivar that looks at its best when the panicles are 50% white and 50% pink which is towards the end of the flowering season. The thin pointed flowers resemble mini rockets shooting into the sky

At the RHS paniculata trials at Wisley their report said: 'Outstanding and very free flowering'.

Origins: Bred in 1990 by: Pieter Zwijnenburg, Boskoop, Netherlands.









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#### STEMS

Colour 59c red Diameter 7-8

#### **LEAVES**

Size 120x130x70-80

Q Value 1.6

Serr.HxW 0.5-2 x 4-7.5 Col T 138a mid green Col B 139D p. green Tex T sl. hairy

Tex B sl. hairy on sub V Veins hairy top & bottom

#### **PANICLES**

Size 250 x 200 Q Value 1.25 Internode 60

Shape open - pointed

Ratio F:S 50:1 % cover 10%

#### **PETIOLE**

Length 20-30

#### **PEDUNCLE**

Length 20-50

#### STERILE FL

Diameter 30-50 Bud col 155a white

#### **SEPALS**

Number 4-5 Q Value 1-1.4 Overlap +1 to +5 T col Aug 155a white B col Aug 155a white T col Sep 155a-58b wh-pink B col Sep 155a-58b wh-pink

Misshape occasional Spots T no

Spots B no

#### FERTILE FL

Bud col 155a white Diameter 18

#### **STAMENS**

Length 5-8 Any pink no

#### **CARPELS**

Number 3

All measurements in mm except for the plant H & W

Q value = Length / Width

Colours = RHS colour chart

All stem data from just below the panicles.

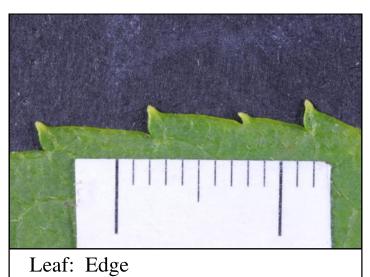
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Sterile Flower







Fertile Flower



Leaf: Lower Surface



Stem

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