

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.

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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Hydrangea paniculata 'Big Ben' (Life Size at A4)

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Leaf: Edge



Sterile Flower



Leaf: Top Surface



Fertile Flower



Leaf: Lower Surface



Stem

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