

Hydrangea paniculata 'Praecox' Acc 32

Synonyms: Ezo Nori Ustugi ?

Awards: RHS - AGM 1984, 1992, AM 1956 FCC 1973.

Patents: No patents found.

Description:

Height x Width: 3 x 2 m

Habit: Upright and strong growing.

Stems & leaves: Brown stems and large pale green leaves that have a tendency to hang down from the stems

Panicles: Medium sized loose panicles 150 x 100 mm with the white sterile flowers on long pedicels covering the creamy white fertile flowers by around 20%. The sepals are long and thin giving a starry appearance and remain white throughout.

Overall assessment: Very early flowering, starting at the beginning of July. A very long standing cultivar with attractive flowers but now superseded by modern cultivars. At the RHS paniculata trials at Wisley, their report said: 'Very Good'.

Origins: The origin is attributed to Charles S. Sargent who discovered this plant on the island of Hokkaido in Japan. He collected seeds in 1893 which were grown at Arnold Arboretum in the USA. They still have a specimen that is derived from the original and is more than 100 years old. It now measures 4.5 m tall and 5 m wide.

STEMS

Colour 138D Pale Green
Diameter 4-5

LEAVES

Size 60-80 x 160-180
Q Value 1.9-2.8
Serr.HxL 0.6-1 x 3-10
Col T 138A Green
Col B 138C Pale Green
Tex T Sl. Hairy
Tex B H Sub-veins only
Veins Hairy T&B

PANICLES

Size 180 x 180
Q Value 1
Internode 40
Shape Broad open
Ratio F:S 40:1
% cover 10

PETIOLE

Length

PEDUNCLE

Length 40

STERILE FL

Diameter 40-55
Bud col 155A White

SEPALS

Number 4-5
Q Value 1.7-2.5
Overlap 2-4
T col Aug 155A White
B col Aug 155A White
T col Sep 155A White
B col Sep 155A White
Misshape 155A White
Spots T Yes
Spots B No

FERTILE FL

Bud col 155A White
Diameter 70-80

STAMENS

Length 30-50
Any pink Yes

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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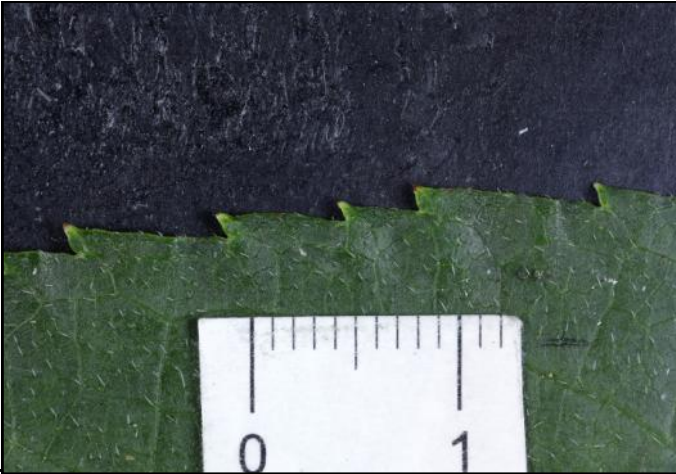
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Leaf: Edge



Sterile Flower



Leaf: Top Surface



Fertile Flower



Leaf: Lower Surface



Stem

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