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Moonlight Hydrangea Vine

Schizophragma hydrangeoides 'Moonlight'



Moonlight Hydrangea Vine flowers
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Height: 35 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Japanese Climbing Hydrangea Vine

Description:

This exceptional vine features silvery blue leaves with contrasting green veining for a stunning moon-glow effect, attractive white lacecap-like flowers ringed with larger white blooms in mid summer; a self-clinging vine for the discriminating gardener

Ornamental Features

Moonlight Hydrangea Vine is smothered in stunning cymes of fragrant white flowers along the branches from early to mid summer. It has attractive silvery blue foliage with green veins. The glossy heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall. The peeling brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Moonlight Hydrangea Vine is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Moonlight Hydrangea Vine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Moonlight Hydrangea Vine will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This woody vine performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Moonlight Hydrangea Vine foliage
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