## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Bella Anna Hydrangea

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Bella Anna Hydrangea Hydrangea arborescens 'Bella Anna'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: O O O

Hardiness Zone: 3b

#### **Description:**

A hardy, showy shrub which features enormous ball-shaped pink flower heads in early summer; reblooms in late summer; best if treated like a perennial and pruned to a few inches from the ground in spring, blooms on new growth; somewhat coarse

#### **Ornamental Features**

Bella Anna Hydrangea features bold balls of hot pink flowers at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

#### Landscape Attributes

Bella Anna Hydrangea is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub 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.

Bella Anna Hydrangea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Bella Anna Hydrangea flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Bella Anna Hydrangea in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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#### **Planting & Growing**

Bella Anna Hydrangea will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. However, you may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.