

# Stonegate Gardens

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## Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily



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*Nymphaea gigantea f. hudsonii*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Hudsonia, Waterlily



*Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### Description:

Lovely star-shaped flowers held over rounded, dark green leaves with rippled edges; this hardy variety is a beautiful addition to your pond; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water

### Ornamental Features

Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily features showy fragrant white cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes and powder blue tips at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive large glossy round leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

### Planting & Growing

Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 7 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Hudsonii Hardy Water Lily is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.