

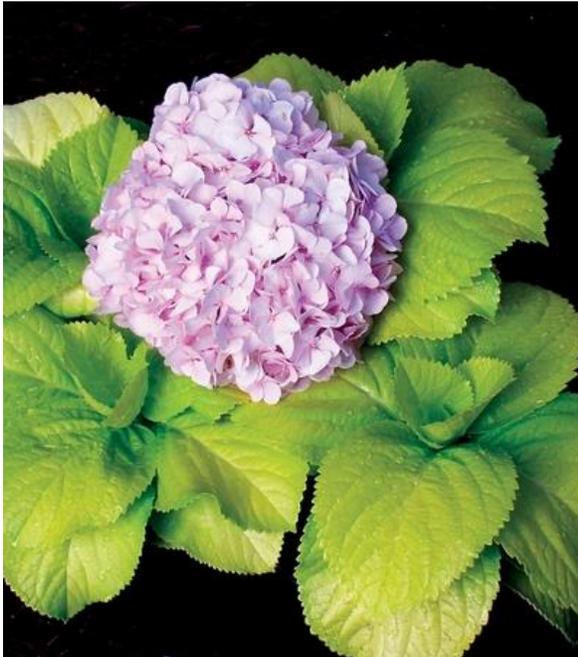
Top 5 Hydrangeas for Shade

5. Annabelle Hydrangea

Also known as the snowball hydrangea, this oldie but a goodie produces white, snowball shaped blooms from June through fall. Reliable bloomer and tough, it'll grow about 4-5 feet tall and wide with little maintenance. Simply feed in spring and cut back by half in fall. She's a beaut!



4. Lemon Daddy Hydrangea



Lemon Daddy has awesome yellow foliage that stands out marvelously in shady areas. It has been outstanding in complete shade in my backyard for 3 years now. It can be tough to get to bloom the pink or blue flowers, so I consider it a yellow foliage plant that stays around 3 feet tall and wide. But even without the blooms, it's a real show stopper!

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3. Invincibelle Ruby Hydrangea

The dark burgundy-red flower buds open to a two-toned combination of bright ruby red and silvery pink. The foliage is extra dark and the stems are strong, making this new hydrangea a gem in the container as well as in the garden. It is a strong rebloomer, flowering from June through fall and growing about 3-4 feet tall and wide. The reddest hydrangea out there!



2. Tuff Stuff Hydrangea

This mountain-type hydrangea has improved bud and stem hardiness compared to big-leaf hydrangeas. Tuff Stuff delivers attractive, reddish-pink lacecap flowers that create a mass of color in early summer and continues right up until frost. It's perfect for small spaces, only growing 2-3 feet tall and wide. The name sure fits on this hydrangea!



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1. Incrediball Hydrangea

This adaptable native plant produces HUGE flowers (as much as 12" across) that open green, mature to white, then turn an attractive jade-green that stays until frost. Its claim to fame is strong, sturdy stems that hold up the massive flowers to reduce flopping. Incrediball grows about 4-5 feet tall and wide and is awesome in a mass planting. In fact, I planted 15 of them along my backyard fence last fall. Reliable bloomer, cold hardy, low maintenance, and giant blooms all summer make this our top choice for Shade Hydrangeas.

