

HYDRANGEA ‘Little Honey’

Origin: Discovered originally at Briggs Nursery, Olympia, WA and subsequently at Liss Forest Nursery in England, in 1999 from Briggs stock.

Species: *Hydrangea quercifolia*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #15,477; COPF Open

Characteristics:

‘**Little Honey**’ is distinguished by its glowing golden colored summer foliage and a striking fall foliage color of deep scarlet. The plant has a compact, upright spreading habit, with white flowers, and is well branched compared to the species. The attractive winter stem color is deep reddish-brown, contrasting nicely with showy golden new growth in spring. ‘**Little Honey**’ is suitable for smaller gardens as well as larger ones and combines well with conifers or other broad-leaved plants.

Hardiness: USDA Zones 5 -8

Bloom: White flowers, about 6" long typical of *quercifolia*.

Foliage: Golden chartreuse colored leaves that turn scarlet in fall.

Habit: Mature size is approximately 3' x 3'.

Propagation: Tissue culture and softwood cuttings. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Performs best in partial shade with well-drained soil ranging in pH from acid to neutral.

