

Top Image: Cranberry Crush Hibiscus

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Cherry Explosion Hydrangea

Big bright florets on this lacecap variety make it unique and different from other Hydrangeas on the market.

Zone: 4

Part sun to part shade

3' x 3'



Cherry Explosion Hydrangea

Berry White Hydrangea

Massive cone shaped flowers cover this big one from July-September. They emerge white and age to a strong deep pink.

'Berry White' can handle full to part sun and blooms reliably on new and old wood, making pruning a snap. Take it down 1/3 of the way mid-April and enjoy for the rest of the season.

Zone: 3

6-7' tall and 5' wide



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Jumping Worms?

Here is a story to make your skin crawl. Iowa had its first confirmed case of Jumping Worms in 2018. This invasive species has been confirmed in Muscatine, Story, and Dubuque counties. This worm is detrimental to our environmental because of its eating habits. This destructive worm consumes excessive amounts of debris and leaf litter leaving the soil stripped of natural cover. When this litter and soil are consumed by earthworms, it exposes the land to compaction, increased water runoff, erosion and clears the way for invasive plants to take root on the newly cleared soil (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/first-jumping-worm-appearance-confirmed-iowa).

This worm is identified by its thrashing nature, hence the name. The body of the Jumping Worm include a cloudy-white and smooth narrow band (that surrounds the entire circumference. Other worms are differentiated by their raised band around their circumference.

Another interesting fact about this crazy creature, they are asexual. This means they are able to reproduce on their own. They can reproduce at a faster rater than our traditional worms and up to two times per year. Meaning our other worms can be out competed by the Jumping Worm.

Stop the spread of these worms. Do not use them as fish bait and limit the sharing of plant material if your area has confirmed cases.

If you believe you might have jumping worms, please take photos or videos and, if possible, catch the worm and submit the sample to the Iowa State University Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic.

Click here for Jumping Worms in action

Have horticulture questions you want answered? Send them to Landscapecrgc@netins.net. We would be happy to research them and highlight the answers in the emailer.





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