



Hydrangea macrophylla

Common Name(s):

hydrangea

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Persistent around old homesteads, near water and on forest margins.

Features:

Deciduous rounded shrub to about 2 m tall with suckering habit. Leaves tend to be towards the end of the branches and are ovate and up to about 20 x 15 cm, margins coarsely serrate. Flower head either rounded or flat. Usually composed of sterile flowers (especially in cultivation) but can have fertile flowers in centre. Seed capsule to about 5 mm long.

Flowering:

November, December, January, February, March.

References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning*. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4088



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