

Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Snow Queen' (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

4-7' upright irregularly shaped shrub.

Southeast U.S. native, woods and bluffs.

5-8" deeply lobed oak-like deep green leathery leaves.

8" dense cones of white flowers, in June, held upright, turning a good pink-purple as they mature in July.

Superb red-burgundy fall color. By late fall, leaves are an earthy brown-burgundy. Leaves hold their shapes and textures well into winter.

Cinnamon colored peeling stems, with winter interest.

Sun to half-shade. Moist, fertile, well-drained soil.

Useful as specimen, in shrub borders, massing, natural settings.

Attracts bees.

Provides nectar for butterflies.

Fruits are eaten by song and game birds, and mammals.

Photos 1, 3, 7, 8

Missouri Botanic PlantFinder
www.mobot.org/gardeninghelp/plantfinder

Photos 2, 5, 6, 9

North Central Conservation District

Photo 4

UConn Plant Database
www.hort.uconn.edu/plants



photo above taken in January