**ECLIPSE® BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA:  
MEET THE NEW DARK LEAF ROCK STAR**

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Meet [Eclipse® Bigleaf Hydrangea](https://firsteditionsplants.com/product/eclipse-bigleaf-hydrangea/), the first true dark-leaf mophead hydrangea, and the newest [Rock Star](https://firsteditionsplants.com/resource/the-complete-guide-to-rock-star-plants/) to join the First Editions® collection. With dark purple, almost black leaves, Eclipse® is sure to make an impact in your garden all season long. This new dark-leaf hydrangea will change how you think about and use hydrangeas. Say goodbye to the old way of thinking about hydrangeas and say hello to an Eclipse® worth staring at!

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**THE DARK LEAVES!**

The dark leaves on Eclipse® are as impressive in the garden as they are in the plant world. Eclipse® is the first mophead hydrangea to have dark leaves that will come back just as dark next season. The team at First Editions® worked on Eclipse® for over eight years to select, trial, and test Eclipse® to ensure that was the case, even for warm climate gardeners where other dark leaf hydrangeas can start to go green. All the history and effort behind Eclipse® means you can confidently use this plant in your garden, knowing that you get to enjoy dark leaves year after year.

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**THE HYDRANGEA FLOWERS!**

While the leaves are quite a sight, you can’t forget about the hydrangea flowers! Eclipse® has spectacular cranberry or amethyst-colored blooms that provide fantastic contrast to the dark leaves. Like other *Hydrangea macrophylla*, the color of the flowers depends on the soil pH. But in general, Eclipse® hydrangeas grown in alkaline soils will have cranberry flowers, while those grown in acidic soils will have amethyst flowers. Eclipse® is also a reblooming hydrangea, so you can enjoy a garden full of hydrangea blooms throughout the season.

**ECLIPSE®: IT’S ALL IN THE DETAILS**

**Mature Height:** 3-5 feet  
**Mature Width:** 3-5 feet  
**Sun Exposure:** Morning sun, afternoon shade  
**Hardiness Zone:** 5-9  
**Heat Zone:** 9  
**Shape:** Mounded  
**Leaf Color:** Dark purple, almost black  
**Bloom Color:** Cranberry blooms or amethyst blooms, depending on the soil pH