

## ***Hydrangea paniculata* 'Sundae Fraise'**

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I bought and planted *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Sundae Fraise' in August 2014, since when it has thrived well in our garden, has provided much pleasure and has been a great success. I took a few bracts, as examples of the shrub, to the last HPS meeting as it was still flowering with muted pink shades in autumn, rather than the soft green then ivory tones when first flowering in July.

I bought the shrub for £35 at a local nursery, when looking for a shrub to use as a border feature. In early spring, I reduce its previous growth to about eighteen inches/two feet, shaping appropriately, and I feed as the soil warms up and as it starts producing the new season's growth and at the start of its extensive flowering period. Reaching a height of about 1.5 metres and the same spread, it makes such a pleasant change from the traditional hydrangea.



*H.* 'Sundae Fraise' flowering in July



....then with a pink flush in autumn