

Scientific Name: *Deinanthe bifida*

Family: Hydrangeaceae

Common Name: Deinanthe

Native Habitat: Japan

Hardiness Zone: Zones 4-8

Exposure: Mostly shade; foliage in the sun will burn and fade.

Form: Herbaceous, upright, clumping perennial.

Soil Requirements: *Deinanthe* is most suited for the woodland garden, with adequately moist, rich, but well-drained soil.

Growth Rate: Slow

Height: Approximately 2 feet in height.

Leaf: As the specific epithet *bifida* implies, the leaves are distinctly divided into 2 pointed lobes at the apex. The leaves are coarsely textured and provide aesthetic interest long after the flowers fade.

Flower: A definite member of the Hydrangea family, flowers are borne in terminal clusters of nodding, waxy, white flowers that can also have a pinkish tint to them. Flowers are approximately 1 inch across.

Deinanthe bifida can be enjoyed in Stonecrop's lush Woodland Garden and often starts to flower in the beginning of July.

D. bifida was discovered and described in 1863 by the Russian botanist Carl Johann Maximowicz in the woodlands of Japan. This little known genus of the Hydrangea family is a delight to see in the garden and is a "must-have" for the plant enthusiast!

