

Botanical name: *Anemone hupehensis* (sy *Anemone hupehensis* var. *japonica*)

Common name: Japanese Anemone, Windflowers, hybrid Anemone

Family: Ranunculaceae (Buttercup)

Origin: Western or central China, or hybrid origin

Habit: Herbaceous perennial

Height: Flowering stems upto 1 mtr

Flowers: The starry or bowl shaped flowers have 5 or more petals with colours ranging from white, pink and purple and all shades of these. The flowers are held above the leaves on airy stems that can reach up to one metre depending on the cultivar.

The centre of each flower has a ring of yellow stamens. The flowers can be single, double or semi double and are bee and butterfly attracting. Late Summer, Autumn, Spring

Fruits:

Leaves: woodland plants with tufts of basal leaves that are divided in palmate fashion into few to many leaflets.

Climate: Cool to Sub-tropics

Soil: Well drained, humus-rich fertile soil

Aspect: Partial sun, 4-6 hrs of morning sun, then shade

Care: A light mulching is beneficial as is an organic fertilizer after flowering.

Prune: They can be an aggressive spreader once established so after flowering cut the stems to tidy up.

Drought/Frost: No/Moderate

Propagation: By root cuttings. Lift the plant in late autumn or winter and remove some of the thin brown roots and cut into sections. Lay onto compost and lightly cover with compost. It will take several months before they begin to grow.

Pests/Diseases: The most common pests are caterpillars and snails. They are resistant to rabbits. The common diseases affecting this plant include powdery mildew, rust and downy mildew.

Note: A good on-line resources for buying

Anemones:

<https://www.woodbridgenursery.com.au>

<https://lambley.com.au>

There are several cultivars easily found in Australia with some common ones listed below.



Anemone x hybrida
'Honorine Jobert'



Anemone x hybrida
'Dreaming Swan'

Anemone x hybrida
'Elegans'



Anemone x hybrida
'Wild Swan'



Anemone x hybrida
'Bowles Pink'



Anemone hupehensis
'Hadspen Abundance'

(Sources: *Botanica's Pocket Annuals & Perennials 2004 edition*; *Lambley Nursery website*; *The Morton Arboretum website*; *Woodbridge Nursery website*; *Gardenia Net website*)