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*Hydrangea*

*Hydrangeaceae*

[*Saxifragaceae*]

*Hydrangea* is derived from Greek *hydro-* (water) and *ango-* (vessel, jar) components with reference to the cup-shape of the seed capsule. It does not allude to the relatively extreme thirstiness of the plants.

In the language of flowers it is said to be a symbol of a boaster, heartlessness, and ‘you are cold’.