

Pieris Evaluation

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Location: North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, OR

Taxa	GPP	Flowering	New Foliage	Comments
Pieris 'Brouwer's Beauty'	Promising	White		P. floribunda x japonica hybrid, red flower buds with a unique horizontal truss habit
Pieris 'Forest Flame'		White	Brilliant scarlet	P. japonica x formosa var. forestii, large drooping trusses, vigorous upright growth, slightly tender
Pieris 'Firecrest'		White	Brilliant scarlet	P. formosa var. forestii x japonica, brightest new growth
Pieris 'Flaming Silver'		White	Bright red	P. formosa var. forestii x japonica, burns in full sun, slightly tender, creamy-white edged leaves, trademarked as Havila
Pieris 'Valley Fire'	Promising	White	Bright red	P. formosa var. forestii x japonica, very upright, hardier than P. 'Forest Flame', likely to be phytophthora resistant
Pieris floribunda 'Grandiflora'		White		One of the largest flowers of the genus, must be disbudded
Pieris floribunda 'Karenoma'		white		Heavy flowering, tight full trusses, soft pink buds, compact habit
Pieris formosa var. forestii				
Pieris japonica var. amamiana		White		Tender, largest flower of the genus
Pieris japonica 'Benihaja'		Bicolor pink and white		Needs shade
Pieris japonica 'Bolero'				Very dwarf, 12 year old plant 1'x18", rock garden type
Pieris japonica 'Christmas Cheer'		Deep rose and white bicolor	Coppery	Frost tolerant flowers
Pieris japonica 'Coleman'		Pink bicolor		Needs shade and protection
Pieris japonica 'Compact Crimson'		White		Compact, needs shade
Pieris japonica 'Cupido'		White		Very dwarf, 16year old plant 15"x24", red-brown upright buds, good bud set

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Pieris japonica ‘Dorothy Wycoff’		Pink fading to white	Bronzy	Very durable in the landscape
Pieris japonica ‘Flamingo’		Dark pink fading to almost white	Bronze-red to salmon	Upright vigorous habit, red flower buds
Pieris japonica ‘Gavotte’		White		Very dwarf, mature plant 10”x15”, tight mound
Pieris japonica ‘Iseli Cream’		Creamy-white		Sparse open grower
Pieris japonica ‘La Rocaille’				Not reliably hardy
Pieris japonica ‘Little Heath’		Creamy-white		Very dwarf, sparse blooming, small variegated foliage
Pieris japonica ‘Mountain Fire’		White	Bright red	Poor landscape performer, all plants evaluated were nearly dead, this clone consistently died in all the NWREC trials, no mature plants are known for further evaluation, susceptible to phytophthora root rot
Pieris japonica ‘Purity’		Large pure white	Coppery-red	Dark burgundy buds, compact form
Pieris japonica ‘Pygmaea’		White		Slow to reach a blooming size, very small narrow needle-like foliage, earliest of the genus to flower, very long blooming time, self disbudding
Pieris japonica ‘Red Mill’		White	Very red	Red flower buds, dark green foliage
Pieris japonica ‘Scarlett O’Hara’		Blush white	Scarlet	Very dainty in flower, fewer flowers per truss than other popular clones
Pieris japonica ‘Sinfonia’		White		Dwarf form, tight mounding habit, needs shade
Pieris japonica ‘Snowdrift’		White		Profuse cascading trusses, compact habit
Pieris japonica ‘Spring Snow’		White		Dense upright trusses, compact mounding habit
Pieris japonica ‘Stockmann’		White	Purple-red-bronze	Requires excellent drainage and shade

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Pieris japonica 'Valentine's Day'		Dark pink fades to white	Deep red	Full bloom Feb. 14 th , dark burgundy buds, can get leaf spot
Pieris japonica 'Valley Rose'	Promising	Pink and white bicolor	Bronze	Very cold hardy and durable in the landscape, likely to be phytophthora resistant
Pieris japonica 'Valley Valentine'	Promising	Maroon	Reddish-bronze	Dark maroon flower buds, early flowering (Feb. 14 th), flowers show little fading even in full sun, likely to be phytophthora resistant
Pieris japonica 'Variegata'		white		Slow grower, white edged foliage, sparse flowering
Pieris japonica 'Wada'		Pink fading to white	Light bronze	Vigorous upright habit, maroon flower buds
Pieris japonica 'White Caps'	Promising	White	Bronze	7-8 weeks of bloom, graceful drooping flower buds, frost susceptible, compact form
Pieris japonica 'White Cascade'	Promising	White	Bronze	Long blooming, very droopy flower spikes, frost susceptible, compact form
Pieris japonica 'White Water'		White		Very heavy flowering, tight mounded habit
Pieris japonica var. yakushmanum 'Cavatine'				
Pieris japonica var. yakushmanum 'Chaconne'		Large white		Dwarf form, tight compact habit
Pieris japonica var. yakushmanum 'Nocture'	Promising	White		Smallest of the P. j. yak types, dark green leaves, tight compact habit
Pieris japonica var. yakushmanum 'Prelude'		White		Leaf spot susceptible
Pieris japonica var. yakushmanum 'Sarabande'	Promising	White		Fastest growing of the P. j. yak types, matures to 3'x4', tight compact habit

Evaluation of the genus is continuing through the blooming cycle.