

Syringa vulgaris

(Common lilac)

Lilac is an upright deciduous shrub up to 2.5 m with a medium growth rate. The leaves are simple, ovate without any fall color change. The shrub doesn't look like much when they are not in bloom, but in late spring to early summer they become an essence to the garden. The flowers appearing mid spring early summer depending on the weather. The very fragrant flowers are borne in large terminal panicles mainly lavender, lilac in color but there are so many different varieties with different flower colors. Next year's flower buds are set shortly after blooming, so lilacs must be pruned directly after their yearly display. The fruit has no landscape value. Lilacs are easy-to-grow and do best in full sun and average slightly acidic soil with good drainage. Used for borders, mass plantation or as a specimen.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lilas commun
Pronunciation: si-RING-gah vul-GAIR-iss
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Europe
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Uses: Hedge, Specimen
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Upright
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Powdery Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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