



Chinese Lilac
Syringa x chinensis

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Rouen Lilac

Description:

When in bloom this lilac commands attention, with its lavender-pink flowers produced on both the ends and along the branches; the result appears to be massive panicles of flowers that literally weigh the branches down and cause them to arch

Ornamental Features

Chinese Lilac is covered in stunning panicles of fragrant pink flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chinese Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Chinese Lilac flowers
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Planting & Growing

Chinese Lilac will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Growing Place Choice Plants

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