



**Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac**  
*Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'*

Height: 25 feet  
Spread: 20 feet  
Sunlight: ☉ ●  
Hardiness Zone: 3a

**Description:**

A first rate accent tree adorned with frothy upright panicles of creamy white flowers in early summer; interesting reddish-brown, cherry-like bark and a dense, upright habit, an ideal choice for small home landscapes

**Ornamental Features**

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac features showy plumes of fragrant creamy white flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 tree 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



*Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac in bloom*  
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*Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, 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 tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

#### **Growing Place Choice Plants**

Our Growing Place Choice plants are chosen because they are strong performers year after year, staying attractive with less maintenance when planted in the right place.