



**Japanese Tree Lilac**  
*Syringa reticulata*

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

**Description:**

Beautiful specimen tree with frothy upright panicles of creamy white flowers in early summer; handsome cherry-like bark adds winter interest; a perfect choice for smaller home landscapes

**Ornamental Features**

Japanese Tree Lilac features showy plumes of lightly-scented 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**

Japanese Tree Lilac is a 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.

Japanese Tree Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



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

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 species is not originally from North America.

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

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