



Species: *Syringa vulgaris*

(si-ring'gah vul-gare'is)

Common Lilac

Cultivar Information

Over 2000 cultivars, mainly differing in flowering characteristics. The species below are representative of the variety found within the species.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 8' - 15' (spread 6' - 12')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: large irregular shrub

Ornamental Other:

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 3b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: very fragrant lilac flowers in May; dark blue-green heart-shaped leaves; can become leggy

Insect Disease

many; powdery mildew; borer and scale can kill large shrubs or entire plantings

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to southeastern Europe; naturalized in much of northern hemisphere, including North America

Cultivars for *Syringa vulgaris*

Showing **1-20** of **20** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Alba	'Alba' - white flowers
Hope	'Hope' (a.k.a. 'Nadezhda') - fragrant double-flowered form; purple buds reveal bluish florets; disease resistant; grows to 8' tall and 6' wide (larger in time); blooms are fragrant, long-lasting; hold up well under inclement weather; and are not produced profusely every year
Pres. Grevy	'Pres. Grevy' (a.k.a. 'President Grevy') - upright habit; double lilac-blue flowers; grows to 12' tall and 8' wide
President Lincoln	'President Lincoln' - upright-rounded form; single florets organized into loose conical clusters; grows vigorously to 8' tall x 10' wide
Charles Joly	'Charles Joly' - numerous, smaller panicles of deep magenta flowers that open from purple buds; grows to 12' tall x 10' wide
Belle de Nancy	'Belle de Nancy' - abundant double pink blooms
Katherine Havemeyer	'Katherine Havemeyer' - double pink-lavender flowers; grows to 12' tall x 10' wide; mildew resistant foliage
Charm	'Charm' - pink florets are single and very large; grows more slowly to 8'-10' tall and wide
Adelaide Dunbar	'Adelaide Dunbar' - double purple blooms; healthy foliage that expresses mildew resistance
Andanken an Ludwig Spaeth	'Andanken an Ludwig Spaeth' (a.k.a. 'Ludwig Spaeth') - upright habit; single, reddish-purple flowers, bloom slightly later than other forms; grows to 12' tall and half as wide
Lavender Lady	'Lavender Lady' - profuse, fragrant, lavender florets; a good lilac for warmer climes as it need less chilling time than other cultivars to flower
Leon Gambetta	'Leon Gambetta' - upright form; double deep lilac flowers emerge from pinkish buds; grows to 12' tall with a narrower spread; foliage shows good resistance to mildew
Monge	'Monge' - purple-red flowers on long stems; grows to 12' tall and wide
Edith Cavell	'Edith Cavell' - upright form; double, very showy; white flowers; grows to 12' tall and 8' wide

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Beauty of Moscow	'Beauty of Moscow' (a.k.a. 'Krasavitska Moskvyy') - upright grower; pale pink buds that open to double, pink-white florets that age to white; grows to 12' tall x 8' wide
Miss Ellen Willmott	'Miss Ellen Willmott' - rounded form; double white flowers; grows to 10' tall and wide
Mme. Lemoine	'Mme. Lemoine' - double white flowers; vigorous form; grows to 10' tall x 12' wide
Dappled Dawn	'Dappled Dawn' (a.k.a. 'Acubifolia Variegata') - variegated leaves are splashed with yellow; blue-purple flowers
Primrose	'Primrose' - rounded form; flowers cream, creamy-yellow, or primrose yellow; cool temperatures enhance the yellow coloring; grows to 12' tall and wide in time
Sensation	'Sensation' - upright form; purple florets that are edged white; grows to 10' tall and slightly wider

Photos



Syringa vulgaris - Buds



Syringa vulgaris - Flowers



Syringa vulgaris - Flowers, Leaves



Syringa vulgaris - Leaves



Syringa vulgaris - Habit



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Syringa vulgaris - Bark



Syringa vulgaris - Flowers



Syringa vulgaris - Leaf