Minuet Lilac

Syringa x prestoniae 'Minuet'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Group/Class: Preston Lilac

Description:

An extremely attractive and compact shrub with upright panicles of lightly fragrant light purple flowers in late spring; multi-stemmed and small-growing, ideal for average garden use, beautiful in groupings; full sun and well-drained soil; non-suckering



Minuet Lilac flowers
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Ornamental Features

Minuet Lilac features showy panicles of lightly-scented lavender flowers rising above the foliage in late spring, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn buttery yellow in fall.



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Landscape Attributes

Minuet Lilac is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.

Minuet Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Minuet Lilac will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.



Minuet Lilac in bloom
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