Red Pixie Lilac

Syringa 'Red Pixie'



Red Pixie Lilac flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

This compact lilac is noted for its dark red-purple buds that open to a distinctive soft pink floral presentation; wonderfully fragrant; perfect for massing in a low hedge or as a garden border plant

Ornamental Features

Red Pixie Lilac is draped in stunning panicles of fragrant pink flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Red Pixie Lilac in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Red Pixie Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined 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.

Red Pixie Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Red Pixie Lilac will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 slow 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.