Great Wall® Pekin Lilac

Syringa pekinensis 'WFH2'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Tree Lilac

Description:

Luxurious, showy plumes of sparkling white flowers in late spring early summer with a wonderful fragrance; great upright oval form with upswept branches; bark is coppery, shiny, and peeling; drought tolerant but will not tolerate poor drainage

Ornamental Features

Great Wall Pekin Lilac features showy plumes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn gold in fall. The peeling coppery-bronze bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Great Wall Pekin Lilac is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance tree, 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.

Great Wall Pekin Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Great Wall Pekin Lilac
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Great Wall Pekin Lilac bark
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Planting & Growing

Great Wall Pekin Lilac will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 50 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 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.