Cutleaf Lilac

Syringa x laciniata

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A decidedly different lilac with fine-textured leaves, showy and fragrant lilac-pink flowers in spring, upright and compact habit, tends to sucker; magnificent for textural effect; full sun and well-drained soil, allow room for air movement



Cutleaf Lilac flowers
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Cutleaf Lilac in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Cutleaf Lilac features dainty panicles of fragrant lavender flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The deeply cut ferny leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Cutleaf Lilac is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cutleaf Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cutleaf Lilac will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy 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 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.



Cutleaf Lilac foliage
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