Donald Wyman Lilac

Syringa x prestoniae 'Donald Wyman'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Group/Class: Preston Lilac

Description:

Considered by many to be the finest lilac, this gem features upright panicles of lightly fragrant pinkish-purple flowers in late spring; multi-stemmed and upright, forms a large ball; a superb specimen plant; full sun and well-drained soil; non-suckering

Ornamental Features

Donald Wyman Lilac features showy panicles of lightly-scented fuchsia flowers rising above the foliage in late spring. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn buttery yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Donald Wyman 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.

Donald Wyman Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Donald Wyman Lilac flowers
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Donald Wyman Lilac in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Donald Wyman Lilac will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 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.



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