Chinese Lilac

Syringa x chinensis



Chinese Lilac flowers
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Rouen Lilac

Description:

When in bloom this lilac commands attention, with its lavender-pink flowers produced on both the ends and along the branches; the result appears to be massive panicles of flowers that literally weigh the branches down and cause them to arch

Ornamental Features

Chinese Lilac is covered in stunning panicles of fragrant pink flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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.

Chinese Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Chinese Lilac will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

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.