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Superba Littleleaf Lilac

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Syringa microphylla 'Superba'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A popular variety of lilac smothered in upright panicles of deliciously fragrant reddish-pink flowers in late spring; broad spreading and mounded, forms a compact shrub, very versatile, excellent as a flowering hedge; needs full sun and well-drained soil



Superba Littleleaf Lilac in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Superba Littleleaf Lilac flowers
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Ornamental Features

Superba Littleleaf Lilac is covered in stunning panicles of fragrant rose flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The small pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Superba Littleleaf 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.

Superba Littleleaf Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Superba Littleleaf Lilac will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 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 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.