

Common Purple Lilac

Syringa vulgaris



Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	10 - 15 Feet
Spread	6 - 12 Feet
Form	Upright
Utilities	Compatible
Growth Rate	Moderate
Life Expectancy	Long
USDA Zone	2 - 7
Root Type	Fibrous Shallow



Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	All Orientations
Soil Texture	Sandy Loam through Clay Loam

Soil Water Holding Capacity	Mesic
Topography	Upland

Plant Community

Origin Europe

Succession

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Flowers/Foliage/Fruit

Flower Color	Purple
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Capsule
Fruit Color	Tan
Fruit Season	Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter

Summer Texture	Coarse
Winter Texture	Coarse
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Green
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable



Soils

Salt Spray	Moderate
Soil Salt	Moderate
Compaction	Moderate
Water Table	24 Inches
Drainage	Moderate
Flood Tolerance	Intolerant
Drought Tolerance	
Moisture Regime	Moist or Wet
pH	6.5 through 7.8

Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Easy
Fall Bareroot	
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Windbreak Group WSG1, WSG1K, WSG2, WSG2K, WSG3, WSG4L, WSG4F, WSG4C, WSG5, WSG6R, WSG6G, WSG7, WSG8 or WSG9S

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Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2, 4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
DicambaTolerance	Sensitive
PicloramTolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	
Sulfur Dioxide	Moderate
Ozone Tolerance	Sensitive
Hydrogen Flouride	Moderate
Nitrogen Oxide	



Pests/Problems

Allergens both sexes 6

Invasivness Invasive

Toxicity

Cold Injury Infrequent

Storm Damage Infrequent

Biological Control

Mechanical Control

Chemical Control

Comments

Much nostalgia attached to plant. Suckers freely so use as informal hedge, screen, or windbreak. Butterflies use this lilac in northern half of MN. Powdery mildew common. Prune after flowering. Hundreds of cultivars exist and don't sucker as freely.

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating Low

Insect Concerns Minor

Disease Concerns Minor

Wildlife Concerns