

# Common Purple Lilac

*Syringa vulgaris*



Mature



Flower

## General Attributes

<b>Type</b>	Deciduous Shrub
<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 Feet
<b>Spread</b>	6 - 12 Feet
<b>Form</b>	Upright
<b>Utility Lines</b>	Compatible
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	Long
<b>USDA Zone</b>	2 - 7
<b>Root Pattern</b>	

## Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

<b>Flower Color</b>	Purple
<b>Flower Season</b>	Spring
<b>Fruit</b>	Capsule
<b>Fruit Color</b>	Tan
<b>Fruit Season</b>	Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter
<b>Summer Texture</b>	Coarse
<b>Winter Texture</b>	Coarse
<b>Spring Foliage</b>	Green
<b>Summer Foliage</b>	Green
<b>Fall Foliage</b>	Green
<b>Winter Foliage</b>	Not Applicable

## Plant Community

<b>Sun</b>	Full Sun
<b>Orientation</b>	North, South, East, West
<b>Soil Texture</b>	Sandy Loam to Clay Loam
<b>Topography</b>	Upland
<b>Plant Community</b>	
<b>Succession</b>	
<b>Origin</b>	Non North America

## Soils

<b>Salt Spray Tolerance</b>	Moderate
<b>Soil Salt Tolerance</b>	Moderate
<b>Compaction Tolerance</b>	Moderate
<b>Water Table</b>	24 Inches
<b>Drainage</b>	Moderate
<b>Flood Tolerance</b>	
<b>Drought Tolerance</b>	
<b>Moisture Regime</b>	Moist, Wet
<b>pH</b>	6.5 through 7.8
<b>Windbreak Group</b>	

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## Planting Ease

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

## Maintenance

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

## Pests/Problems

Allergens	males 6, females 6
Invasiveness	Invasive
Toxicity	
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible
Storm Damage	Not Susceptible
Biological Control	
Mechanical Control	
Chemical Control	

## Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	Low
Insect Concerns	Minor
Disease Concern	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	

## 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.



Bark



Dormant

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Mass