



Spring means lilac. Many among us, gardeners or not, have fond memories of colorful, heavenly scented lilac flowers in May. Not only are lilacs beautiful, but they're also tough and long-lived, performing well in the challenging weather and soil conditions of our area. Various uses include low and tall hedges, accents and specimen plantings. Lilacs prefer a sunny site for best flowering, and well-drained soil. Pruning is recommended immediately after blooming to avoid removing next season's flower buds that set later in the growing season.

COMMON FRAGRANT LILACS

| Name | Form | HxW | Description |
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| <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> | | | |
| Beauty of Moscow | Upright vase | 10'x8' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage with fragrant white blossoms that emerge from pink buds. |
| Common Purple | Upright vase | 10'x8' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage with fragrant lilac blossoms. Blooms in May. Medium growth rate. Makes a vigorous hedge or screen, or can be used as a large garden specimen. |
| Fiala Remembrance | Upright vase | 10'x8' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage with fragrant double white blossoms from cream colored buds. |
| President Grevy | Upright vase | 10'x8' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage. Fragrant, double pale blue blossoms. |
| Sensation | Upright vase | 10'x8' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage with fragrant white-edged deep purple blossoms. |

SMALLER LILACS

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| Bloomerang <i>Syringa x patula</i> <i>x macrophylla x meyeri</i> <i>x juliana</i> | Rounded | 4'x4' | A new dwarf lilac that blooms in spring, fall and in between! Fragrant pinkish purple flowers are most abundant in spring and fall. The plant is wonderfully petite and tidy. Great as a flowering hedge, accent or specimen. |
| Declaration <i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora</i> | Rounded Upright | 7'x5' | Clean, medium green foliage. Fragrant, striking single reddish purple blossoms in late May. An introduction from the US National Arboretum. MR |
| Dwarf Korean <i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin' | Rounded | 5'x5' | Small dark green foliage has purple-margins in spring. Reddish-purple buds produce fragrant pinkish purple flowers that cover the entire plant in May. Blooms last for two weeks. Excellent as a low hedge, accent or in mass. MR |
| Little Boy Blue <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> | Rounded | 5'x5' | Dark green heart-shaped foliage. Exquisitely fragrant, single sky blue flowers. Compact habit. |
| Miss Kim <i>Syringa patula</i> | Upright rounded | 6'x6' | Heart-shaped dark green foliage with burgundy fall color. Fragrant, large, icy blue flowers bloom in May-June. Slow growth rate. Great as a low hedge or an accent in the garden. Tolerant of partial shade. MR |

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SMALLER LILACS (cont)

| Name | Form | HxW | Description |
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| Persian <i>Syringa x persica</i> | Rounded | 7'x7' | Heart-shaped leaves are smaller than those of common lilac. In spring, loose panicles of fragrant, pale lilac colored flowers often obscure the foliage. Keeping its foliage close to the ground, this slender-stemmed lilac makes a beautiful hedge. |
| Tiny Dancer <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> | Rounded | 4'x4' | This beautiful variety is less than half the size of the common lilac. The fragrant purple blooms reach 4-5 inches in length. |

TREE LILACS

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| Chinese Tree Lilac, Great Wall <i>Syringa reticulata</i> subsp. <i>pekinensis</i> | Upright rounded | 20'x15' | Ornamental tree with arching branches and lustrous dark green leaves. Panicles of fragrant, creamy white flowers in June, one month later than common lilac. Lovely exfoliating cinnamon colored bark. Hardy and adaptable for use as a street tree or specimen. MR |
| Japanese Tree Lilac, Ivory Silk <i>Syringa reticulata</i> | Upright rounded | 20'x15' | Ornamental tree with deep green foliage and large ivory white flowers in mid June. Attractive cherry-like bark. Heavy flowering. Excellent as a specimen and in group plantings. Hardy and trouble-free. MR |

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