

Syringa - Growing Guide

Growing Syringa

Lilac

Lilacs are very traditional features of English country gardens and are generally grown for their heavily scented flowers which can be enjoyed in close proximity to a path. They can readily be split into two distinct categories; *S. vulgaris*, or the common lilac which comes in many different flower colours which have been cultivated and bred over many years, and other species of lilac which have more variable growth sizes and habits as well as rather differently formed flower clusters.

All lilacs have in common conical or pyramidal panicles of fragrant tubular flowers.

Lilacs can be grown in a shrub border or as freestanding specimen trees in a lawn or woodland garden. Common lilacs grow up to around 20ft but can grow much larger in great age. They are not at all adverse to a severe chopping back from time to time to shape them up and rejuvenate them to produce more flowers on the new (not old) growth as they do.

Common lilacs grow well in acidic or alkaline soil conditions and flower best in full sun. The most common method of propagation is from greenwood cuttings in summer, but some lilacs can only be reproduced by grafting. Seed is quite easily germinated in a cold frame and can be sown in the autumn or spring. However, if your garden, or those of your neighbours', grows different coloured forms of common lilac then the seed will probably be a mixture and not come true to the colour of the seed parent.

We offer the following common lilac varieties as established plants of flowering size (normally) in 3, 4 or 5L pots. All these varieties flower in late spring and on into early summer (April to June).

'Carpe Diem' has pinkish-mauve semi-double flowers opening light blue and fading to light mauve.



Syringa vulgaris 'Carpe Diem'



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Syringa vulgaris 'Charles Joly'



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Syringa vulgaris 'Katherine Havemeyer'



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Syringa vulgaris
'Madame Lemoine'



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Syringa vulgaris 'Michel
Buchner'



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Syringa vulgaris
'Primrose'



Syringa vulgaris
'Primrose'



Syringa vulgaris
'Primrose'



Syringa vulgaris
'Primrose'

'Sensation' has white edging to its reddish-purple flowers.



Syringa vulgaris
'Sensation'



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Syringa vulgaris
'Sensation'

S. emodii 'Aureovariegata' is an upright bushy growing shrub with attractive yellow centres to its large green leaves. This Himalayan lilac has huge, long, pale lilac-coloured flowers in profusion in May or June which fade to white. This species seeds heavily with us and does not flower well until established.



Syringa emodii
'Aureovariegata'



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Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'



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Syringa microphylla
'Superba'



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'Superba'



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'Superba'



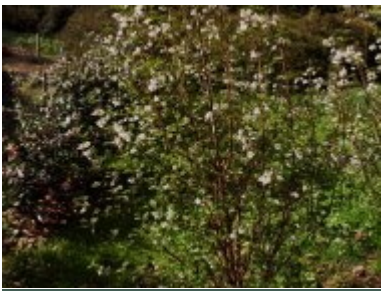
Syringa pinnatifolia



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Syringa pinnatifolia



Syringa pinnata



Syringa pinnata



Syringa prestoniae
'Minuet'



Syringa prestoniae
'Minuet'



Syringa prestoniae
'Minuet'



Syringa sweginzowii



Syringa sweginzowii



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Syringa vulgaris
'Madame Antoine
Buchner'



Syringa vulgaris
'Madame Antoine
Buchner'

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