

Japanese tree lilac

Syringa reticulata

Description

Grown as an ornamental tree in Europe and North America. Popular as a garden plant or an accent in a shrub border.

Habit

Deciduous, large shrub or small tree; stiff, spreading branches; rounded crown; 20-30 ft tall and 15-25 ft wide; medium growth rate; medium texture.

Leaves

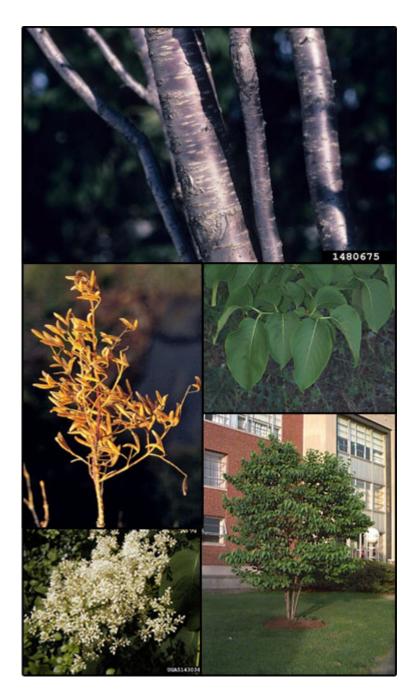
Opposite, simple, entire leaves, 2-5 in long, rounded leaf base, dark green in color, out in early spring.

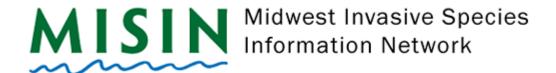
Stems

Stiff; erect; gray-brown in color; shiny; horizontal lenticels.

Flowers

Off-white in color, fragrant, borne in large terminal panicles, panicles can be up to 1 ft long





and 10 in wide, showy; blooms in early Summer.

Fruits and Seeds

Capsules borne in large panicles, blunt tips, tan in color, warty, dehiscent, 2 celled, 4-6 in long, very attractive in fall and winter.

Habitat

Native to northern Japan. Grows well in moist, well-drained, slightly acidic soils.

Reproduction

By seed or cuttings.

Similar

Peking Tree Lilac (Syringa pekinensis).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Cutting or girdling.

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