

## 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.

### **Credits**

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