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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