

Peking lilac

Syringa pekinensis

Common names:

Peking lilac, Pekin lilac



The Peking lilac is a dependable urban tree and, even, a great choice for parking lot, boulevard, and parkway plantings. Native to Asia, it is both hardy and beautiful, with attractive, amber-colored, peeling bark. In early summer, when many shrubs and trees are done blooming, it has large, creamy-white, honey-scented flower clusters.

Family (English)	Olive
Family (botanic)	Oleaceae
Planting site	City parkway, Residential and parks, Under utility lines, Wide median
Tree or plant type	Tree
Foliage	Deciduous (seasonally loses leaves)
Native locale	Non-native
Size range	Small tree (15-25 feet)
Mature height	15-20 feet
Mature width	10-15 feet
Light exposure	Full sun (6 hrs direct light daily)
Hardiness zones	Zone 3, Zone 4, Zone 5 (Northern Illinois), Zone 6 (City of Chicago), Zone 7
Soil preference	Moist, well-drained soil

Tolerances	Alkaline soil, Clay soil, Dry sites, Occasional drought, Road salt
Season of interest	Early summer
Flower color and fragrance	Fragrant, White
Shape or form	Multi-stemmed, Oval, Round, Upright
Growth rate	Moderate
Transplants well	Yes
Planting considerations	May be difficult to find in nurseries
Wildlife	Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Insect pollinators
Has cultivars	Yes

CHINA SNOW PEKIN LILAC

