



Syringa josikaea



Height	3-5 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	round, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	violet, pink, flowers in May-June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	capsule, brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil, all soil types
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree

The Hungarian lilac is a large shrub that can only grow into a small tree under exceptionally good conditions. Its dense crown is round and grows to about 4 m high. The young twigs are reddish-brown and covered with few lenticels. The old bark is grey and smooth. The elliptical leaves are dark green on top and distinctly lighter blue-green to light greenish grey on the underside. In May and June, *S. josikaea* blooms with more or less erect panicles of violet flowers. The individual flowers are tubular and the lobes at the top do not spread, even when the flowers unfurl. They have a sweet but weak scent. In general, *S. josikaea* does not flower extremely profusely.

Because the ornamental value of *S. josikaea* is less than for the various cultivars of *S. vulgaris*, it is ideally a plant for use in park-like settings and public spaces. It is an easy plant that grows preferably in neutral or calcareous soil.