### Syringa pekinensis

**Height** | 3 - 6 m
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**Crown** | flat-topped spherical, half-open crown
**Bark and branches** | twigs brown, bark brown, flaking
**Leaf** | oval to elongated, mid-green, 3 - 9 cm
**Flowers** | in dense panicles, 10 - 15 cm, yellow-white, June, fragrant flowers
**Fruits** | dry, woody capsule, brown
**Spines/thorns** | None
**Toxicity** | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
**Soil type** | any, provided well-drained, tolerates limy soil
**Paving** | tolerates no paving
**Winter hardiness zone** | 5a (-28.8 to -26.1 °C)
**Wind resistance** | fairly
**Other resistances** | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
**Fauna tree** | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
**Application** | tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
**Shape** | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
**Origin** | Northern China

Large shrub to small tree with an elegant, flat-topped, spherical to fan-shaped crown. In culture, 3 to 6 m tall but in the wild, trees of more than 10 m have been found. The thin, young twigs are reddish brown. Older bark is brown and initially very smooth. Later this exfoliates like the bark on Prunus serrula. The oval to elongated oval leaves are green on top and grey-green underneath. In June dense panicles of yellow-white flowers appear. The stamens are about twice as long as the corolla tube and clearly protrude from the flowers. The flowers have quite a strong fragrance reminiscent of privet. The flowers are followed by dark brown, woody capsules. This lilac prefers a warm, sunny site and grows in any soil provided it is not too wet. Also tolerates lime.