



Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'



Height	10 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	oval, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs brown, flaking, bark dark grey-brown with broad horizontal lenticels
Leaf	broad oval, dark green, 5 - 14 cm
Flowers	in dense panicles to approx. 30 cm, yellow-white, June/July, 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	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to 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
Origin	Leonard K. Slater, Agincourt, Ontario, Canada, 1973

Medium-size tree with an oval crown to approx. 10 m tall and 8 m wide. The young twigs are brown to reddish brown and flaking after several years like the bark of *Prunus serrula*. Old bark is dark grey-brown and typically covered with horizontal lenticels. The broad oval leaves are dark green. Around late June to mid-July large dense panicles of yellow-white flowers appear. The flowers have a strong fragrance reminiscent of privet. The flowers are followed by dark brown, woody capsules. Selected by Leonard Slater from a group of seedlings at Sheridan Nurseries in Canada and differs from the species by its distinctly upright growth pattern and eventually narrower crown. This lilac prefers a warm, sunny site and grows in any soil provided it is not too wet. Also tolerates lime.