



Syringa vulgaris



Height	3-7 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	flaking, brown, grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, lilac, pink, blue, purple, violet, flowers in May, fragrant flowers
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, all soil types
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °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 butterflies
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

The Common Lilac is a very familiar large shrub to a small tree with a dense, round crown. The tree grows 3-7 m high and equally wide. The young twigs are grey-green and the old bark is grey-brown. Later in life, the bark flakes off slightly, in small plates. The broadly ovoid leaves are mid-green in colour. The apex is pointed and the base is broadly wedge-shaped to shallowly heart-shaped. In May, after the leaves unfurl, the flowers open in 10-20 cm panicles. The individual flowers are 0.8-1.3 cm in size and the corolla lobes face outwards at the top of the flowers. Naturally, the flowers are lilac, but there are hundreds of cultivars with a variation in flower colours from white to deep purple. There are also cultivars with double flowers. The flowers have a strong and pleasantly sweet fragrance.

Syringa vulgaris grows in any nutritious and humus-rich soil. The plant prefers neutral to calcareous soil. The tree is very suitable for use in parks and gardens. In addition, *S. vulgaris* is very hardy and therefore more widely applicable.