Common Purple Lilac

Syringa vulgaris





Mature



Flower

General Attributes

Type Deciduous Shrub 10 - 15 Feet Height 6 - 12 Feet **Spread Form** Upright **Utility Lines** Compatible **Growth Rate** Medium Life Expectancy Long **USDA Zone** 2 - 7 **Root Pattern**

Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color Purple Flower Season Spring Fruit Capsule **Fruit Color** Tan **Fruit Season** Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter **Summer Texture** Coarse Winter Texture Coarse **Spring Foliage** Green **Summer Foliage** Green **Fall Foliage** Green Winter Foliage Not Applicable

Plant Community

Salt Spray Tolerance

Windbreak Group

Sun Full Sun
Orientation North, South, East, West
Soil Texture Sandy Loam to Clay Loam
Topography Upland
Plant Community
Succession

Origin Non North America

Moderate

Soils

Soil Salt Tolerance Moderate
Compaction Tolerance Moderate
Water Table 24 Inches
Drainage Moderate
Flood Tolerance
Drought Tolerance
Moisture Regime Moist, Wet
pH 6.5 through 7.8

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Planting Ease		Maintenance	
Spring Bareroot	Easy	Formal	Moderate
Fall Bareroot		Informal	Low
Spring Container	Easy	2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
Fall Container	Easy	Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
Spring Seed Fall Seed	,	Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
		Clopyralid Tolerance	
		Artificial Light	
		Sulfur Dioxide	Moderate
		0 75 1	a

Ozone Tolerance Sensitive
Hydrogen Flouride Moderate
Nitrogen Oxide

Pests/Problems **Miscellaneous** Allergens males 6, females 6 Wildlife Rating Low **Invasiveness** Invasive **Insect Concerns** Minor **Toxicity Disease Concern** Minor **Cold Injury** Not Susceptible Wildlife Concerns **Storm Damage** Not Susceptible

Biological Control Mechanical Control Chemical Control

Comments

Much nostalgia attached to plant. Suckers freely so use as informal hedge, screen, or windbreak. Butterflies use this lilac in northern half of MN. Powdery mildew common. Prune after flowering. Hundreds of cultivars exist and don't sucker as freely.



Bark



Dormant

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Mass