

North Dakota Tree Selector

Scientific Name: *Syringa pekinesis*

Family: Oleaceae (Olive)

Hardiness: Zone 3

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Tree

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: <25'

Longevity: Long

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Cream to white

Fruit: Tan

Fall Color: Yellow

Pekin Lilac

Description

Pekin lilac is a small tree or tall shrub that can be multi-stemmed, though it is non-suckering. The large, creamy white, fragrant flower clusters appear in mid-June. Pekin lilac has good drought tolerance once it is established, but establishment may be difficult on dry soils. The shiny/glossy cherry-like bark on older trees is a feature that adds visual interest to the landscape.

Preferences

Light: Full sun.

Water: Medium water needs.

Soil: Adapted to a wide variety of soils.

Comments

Good tolerance for urban conditions. Prune after blooming and remove faded blooms before seed set when possible.

The variety Copper Curls™ was selected for its coppery-orange, peeling bark and large flower clusters. Copper Curls™ is an NDSU release and is hardy to Zone 3.

Credits: Tree selector website, North Dakota Tree Handbook.



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