

North Dakota Tree Selector

Lilac, Pekin - *Syringa pekinensis*

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. 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.

General		Growth		Ornamental		Tolerances	
Family	Oleaceae - Olive	Growth Rate	Medium	Flowers	Showy	Shade	Low
Hardiness	To Zone 3	Mature Height	<25'	Flower Color	Cream,White	Drought	Medium
Leaves	Deciduous	Longevity	Long	Fall Color	Yellow	Flooding	Low
Plant Type	Tree	Power Line	Yes	Fruit Color	Tan		



Bark of the Copper Curls (TM) Pekin lilac



Flower and twig of a Copper Curls™ Pekin lilac



Leaves of a Copper Curls™ Pekin lilac



Fruit cluster (seeds) of a Copper Curls™ Pekin lilac



Copper Curls(TM) Pekin lilac tree