Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac

Syringa reticulata 'Summer Storm'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A heavily blooming accent tree adorned with large panicles of creamy white flowers in early summer; a more compact, rounded tree with stout branching; an ideal choice for small home landscapes; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac features showy plumes of fragrant creamy white flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The peeling dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac flowers
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Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Summer Storm Japanese Tree Lilac will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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