Lilac, Miss Kim

Syringa patula 'Miss Kim'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Manchurian Lilac

Description:

A compact garden accent shrub featuring showy panicles of light lavender-pink flowers in spring and crinkled foliage; impressive fall color for a lilac; upright and dense, an ideal garden shrub alone or in groupings, fragrance is overwhelmingly spicy

Ornamental Features

Lilac, Miss Kim is covered in stunning panicles of fragrant lavender flowers with pink overtones rising above the foliage in late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lilac, Miss Kim is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and 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.

Lilac, Miss Kim is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Lilac, Miss Kim in bloom
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Lilac, Miss Kim flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Lilac, Miss Kim will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. 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.

Lilac, Miss Kim makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Special Attributes

Prune to shape within 2 weeks after last blooming is done, so you will get flowers next year. Lilacs are not classified as toxic to people or pets.