Lilac, Baby Kim

Syringa 'SMNSDTP'



Lilac, Baby Kim flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Dwarf Lilac

Description:

A dwarf hybrid selection that's just the right size for the garden; a small, rounded shrub producing an abundance of sweetly fragrant purple flowers in mid to late spring; blooms retain color well; perfect along walkways, under windows, or as a low hedge

Ornamental Features

Lilac, Baby Kim is blanketed in stunning panicles of fragrant lavender flowers at the ends of the branches from mid to late spring, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The small pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Lilac, Baby Kim in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Lilac, Baby Kim is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined 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 butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

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

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lilac, Baby Kim will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Lilac, Baby Kim makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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 within 2 weeks after blooming is done, so you will get flowers next year.