Lilac, Scentara Pura

Syringa x hyacinthiflora 'SMNSHSO'



Lilac, Scentara Pura flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Hyacinth-Flowered Lilac

Group/Class: Early Flowering Lilac

Description:

An exceptional tall accent shrub featuring upright panicles of deliciously fragrant lilac-purple flowers in spring; a very heavy bloomer that exhibits excellent disease resistance; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Lilac, Scentara Pura features showy panicles of fragrant purple flowers with lilac purple overtones rising above the foliage from early to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive violet flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Lilac, Scentara Pura is a 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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.

Lilac, Scentara Pura is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Lilac, Scentara Pura will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry. 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.