Lilac, Dream Cloud

Syringa patula 'Dream Cloud'



Lilac, Dream Cloud flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A compact garden accent shrub featuring large, showy panicles of pink flowers in early summer; cooler weather transforms flowers to rich purple; upright and dense, an ideal garden shrub alone or in groupings; sweetly fragrant

Ornamental Features

Lilac, Dream Cloud is covered in stunning panicles of fragrant shell pink flowers with white eyes rising above the foliage in early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lilac, Dream Cloud 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 butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lilac, Dream Cloud is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Lilac, Dream Cloud will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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.

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.