



## Syringa josikaea



<b>Height</b>	3-5 m
<b>Width</b>	3-5m
<b>Crown</b>	round, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey
<b>Leaf</b>	green
<b>Flowers</b>	violet, pink, flowers in May-June, fragrant flowers
<b>Fruits</b>	capsule, brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil, all soil types
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, feathered tree

The Hungarian lilac is a large shrub that can only grow into a small tree under exceptionally good conditions. Its dense crown is round and grows to about 4 m high. The young twigs are reddish-brown and covered with few lenticels. The old bark is grey and smooth. The elliptical leaves are dark green on top and distinctly lighter blue-green to light greenish grey on the underside. In May and June, *S. josikaea* blooms with more or less erect panicles of violet flowers. The individual flowers are tubular and the lobes at the top do not spread, even when the flowers unfurl. They have a sweet but weak scent. In general, *S. josikaea* does not flower extremely profusely.

Because the ornamental value of *S. josikaea* is less than for the various cultivars of *S. vulgaris*, it is ideally a plant for use in park-like settings and public spaces. It is an easy plant that grows preferably in neutral or calcareous soil.