



# Syringa pekinensis



<b>Height</b>	3 - 6 m
<b>Width</b>	3-6m
<b>Crown</b>	flat-topped spherical, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs brown, bark brown, flaking
<b>Leaf</b>	oval to elongated, mid-green, 3 - 9 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	in dense panicles, 10 - 15 cm, yellow-white, June, fragrant flowers
<b>Fruits</b>	dry, woody capsule, brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	any, provided well-drained, tolerates limy soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	fairly
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Northern China

Large shrub to small tree with an elegant, flat-topped, spherical to fan-shaped crown. In culture, 3 to 6 m tall but in the wild, trees of more than 10 m have been found. The thin, young twigs are reddish brown. Older bark is brown and initially very smooth. Later this exfoliates like the bark on *Prunus serrula*. The oval to elongated oval leaves are green on top and grey-green underneath. In June dense panicles of yellow-white flowers appear. The stamens are about twice as long as the corolla tube and clearly protrude from the flowers. The flowers have quite a strong fragrance reminiscent of privet. The flowers are followed by dark brown, woody capsules. This lilac prefers a warm, sunny site and grows in any soil provided it is not too wet. Also tolerates lime.