



Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'



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| Height | 10 m |
| Width | 4-6m |
| Crown | oval, half-open crown |
| Bark and branches | twigs brown, flaking, bark dark grey-brown with broad horizontal lenticels |
| Leaf | broad oval, dark green, 5 - 14 cm |
| Flowers | in dense panicles to approx. 30 cm, yellow-white, June/July, fragrant flowers |
| Fruits | dry, woody capsule, brown |
| Spines/thorns | None |
| Toxicity | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock |
| Soil type | any, provided well-drained, tolerates limy soil |
| Paving | tolerates no paving |
| Winter hardiness zone | 4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C) |
| Wind resistance | fairly to good |
| Other resistances | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind |
| Fauna tree | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant) |
| Application | tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens |
| Shape | clearstem tree |
| Origin | Leonard K. Slater, Agincourt, Ontario, Canada, 1973 |

Medium-size tree with an oval crown to approx. 10 m tall and 8 m wide. The young twigs are brown to reddish brown and flaking after several years like the bark of *Prunus serrula*. Old bark is dark grey-brown and typically covered with horizontal lenticels. The broad oval leaves are dark green. Around late June to mid-July large dense panicles of yellow-white flowers appear. The flowers have a strong fragrance reminiscent of privet. The flowers are followed by dark brown, woody capsules. Selected by Leonard Slater from a group of seedlings at Sheridan Nurseries in Canada and differs from the species by its distinctly upright growth pattern and eventually narrower crown. This lilac prefers a warm, sunny site and grows in any soil provided it is not too wet. Also tolerates lime.