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Syringa vulgaris 'Belle de Nancy'



'Belle de Nancy' is a large shrub with a round crown that grows 2-3 m tall. Only rarely does this cultivar grow into a small tree taller than 3 m. The young twigs have a striking reddish tinge. The old bark is grey-brown and flakes off slightly in small patches later in life. The broad ovoid leaves are relatively small and dark green in colour. The flower panicles are medium-sized and remarkably broad, about 11-18 cm long and 7-12 cm wide. The individual flowers are about 1.8 cm in size. The flower buds are reddish-purple. The opened flowers are light bluish-purple and double. They have a strong and pleasant fragrance. The flowers open in the first half of May.

Syringa vulgaris grows in any nutritious and humus-rich soil. The plant prefers neutral to calcareous soil. 'Belle de Nancy' is very suitable for use in parks and gardens.

'Belle de Nancy' was introduced in 1891 by the French nurseryman Victor Lemoine & Fils in Nancy, France. Hardiness zone 4.