



Syringa vulgaris 'Charles Joly'



Height	3-4 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	broad oval, half-open crown
Bark and branches	flaking, brown, grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	dark purple, flowers in April-May, fragrant flowers
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, all soil types
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	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 butterflies
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

'Charles Joly' is a large shrub to small tree with a broad oval crown of 3-4 m in height. The young twigs are slightly reddish-tinged. The old bark is grey-brown and flakes off slightly in small patches later in life. The broad ovoid leaves are mid-green in colour. The flower panicles are large and relatively narrow. They are about 12-22 cm long and 7-10 cm wide. The individual flowers, measuring about 1.6 cm, are relatively small. The flower buds are very dark purple. The opened flowers are dark purple and semi-filled. As the inner petals of the flowers are often raised and slightly twisted, the lighter purple underside is visible, creating a two-coloured effect. The flowers have a strong and pleasant fragrance. The flowers open in the second half of April and first week of May.

Syringa vulgaris grows in any nutritious and humus-rich soil. The plant prefers neutral to calcareous soil. 'Charles Joly' is very suitable for use in parks and gardens and was introduced in 1896 by Victor Lemoine & Fils in Nancy, France. Hardiness zone 4.