



Dwarf Korean Lilac (*Syringa meyeri*)

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Compact, dense, low-growing, non-native, deciduous shrub that is covered with small, fragrant lavender flowers that bloom in late spring. Buds may be injured if there is a late spring frost.

Type	Deciduous shrub
Hardiness Zone	3 - 7
Sun	Full sun
Bloom Time	Spring time: May to June
Height	4' - 6'
Spread	5' - 7'
Tolerance	Easy to grow; tolerates dry soil
Attracts	Butterflies and hummingbirds
Additional Features	Generally ignored by deer

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: prefers well-drained soil
- Soil pH: neutral (6.0-8.0) and alkaline (>8.0)
- Type: medium, moist soil
- Placement considerations: hedges or as foundation plantings

Planting Recommendations

- Type: container grown
- When to plant: spring or fall
- Depth of planting: as indicated by grower
- Spacing: 5' - 8'; slow growing

Maintenance

- Watering: once established, rainfall is usually enough
- Fertilization: not necessary
- Pinching/deadheading: prune after flowering; remove faded flowers before seeds set to increase bloom for the next year



- Annual maintenance: Generally low maintenance although they may need pruning after flowering to maintain shape.

Common Problems

Disease and insects: Generally, no problems

Resources

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu>

<https://trees.umn.edu/dwarf-korean-lilac-syringa-meyeri-palibin>

Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<https://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/deciduous/lilac/branchesdeaddying.html>

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