



'Ivory Silk' Japanese Lilac

Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'



Height:	20' to 30'	Width:	15' to 20'
Minimum Terrace Width Required:	54"	Hardiness Zone:	3 to 7
Crown:	Ovate, medium texture		
Foliage:	Dark green, without notable fall color		
Flowers:	In late spring bears large creamy-white flower clusters at an early age		
Fruit:	Clusters of capsules, turning from green to brown		
Description:	A small tree with stiff branches that is native to Japan. It has a reddish brown, cherry-like bark that becomes gray and scaly with age. Growth rate is medium. 'Ivory Silk' was introduced in Ontario, Canada about 1975. It is a vigorous, sturdy, upright tree with a straight trunk.		
Advantages:	Superior to trees grown from seed. The small size, upright habit, and attractive flowers, fruit and bark make it a versatile tree well suited for use along streets. It is relatively pest-free. Good for planting under utility lines or in planters. Grows faster than 'Summer Snow'.		
Limitations:	Susceptible to powdery mildew and lilac borer, but much less than common lilac.		
Site and Culture:	Transplants readily. Prefers full sun, well drained soil, pH 6.5 to 8.0.		