

Lilacs for Ohio¹

Series Common Name	<u>Vulgaris</u> Early lilac	<u>Vulgaris</u> Common lilac	<u>Pubescentes</u> Hairy lilac	<u>Villosae</u> Late Lilac	<u>Ligustrina</u> Tree lilac
Species	<i>Syringa</i> <i>×hyacinthiflora</i> <i>S. oblata</i>	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> <i>S. ×chinensis</i> <i>S. ×persica</i> <i>S. ×laciniata</i>	<i>Syringa pubescens</i> <i>S. microphylla</i> <i>S. patula</i>	<i>Syringa josikaea</i> (<i>Villosae</i> Group: <i>S. ×prestoniae</i> <i>S. ×josiflexa</i>)	<i>Syringa reticulata</i> <i>S. reticulata</i> <i>amurensis</i> <i>S. pekinensis</i>
Zone	3-8	3-8	4-8	3-8	3-8
Selected Cultivars	Betsy Ross Declaration Excel Rosie	Beauty of Moscow Charles Joly Lilac Sunday Sensation	Josee Miss Kim Palibin Bloomerang series	Donald Wyman Royalty Canada Gem Miss Canada	Ivory Silk Golden Eclipse Morton China Snow Elliott Snowcap
Bloom Time	Early Late April-Early May	Middle Early May-Mid May	Middle Mid May	Late Mid to Late May	Very Late Late May-Mid June
Flowers	Single, double White, pink, lilac	Single, double White, violet, blue, Lilac, pink, purple, Magenta, 1 yellow	Single White, pink, Rare purple	Single White, light pink Dark pink	Single White, yellow
Height	5-15 feet	5-15 feet	3-8 feet	8-15 feet	20-35 feet
Features	Strong pleasant fragrance, large florets & panicles	Strong pleasant fragrance, largest florets & panicles	Pleasant fragrance, Small florets and panicles	Spicy fragrance, Medium florets and panicles	Tiny profuse florets, Little fragrance
Light and Soil	Full Sun Well-drained soil Neutral to alkaline soil	Full Sun Well-drained soil Neutral to alkaline soil	Full Sun Well-drained soil Neutral to alkaline soil	Full Sun Well-drained soil Neutral to alkaline soil	Full Sun Well-drained soil Neutral to alkaline soil
Pruning	After flowering Eye & nose height Winter sizing, shape	After flowering Eye & nose height Winter sizing, shape	After flowering Eye & nose height Winter sizing, shape	After flowering Eye & nose height Winter sizing, shape	Lower branches only

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