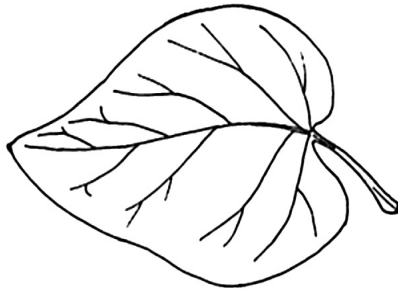


Leaf Identification



Fragrant Purple Lilac
(*Syringa vulgaris*)

Fragrant purple lilac is a large shrub reaching 8'-15' or higher with a 6'-12' or wider spread. It has an irregularly rounded outline with strong wood stems and dark green to blue-green leaves. The fragrant, four-petal flowers are borne in panicles 4"-8" long in shades of lilac, light purple, or lavender in late spring. This lilac attracts butterflies and provides nesting sites and cover for birds.

Fragrant purple lilac adapts to a wide variety of soil textures, dry to moist soil, and full sun to light shade. It grows best in moist, well-drained, neutral to slightly alkaline soil and full sun.

Plant 3'-4' apart for a hedge. Flowers should be removed as soon as they fade. The best time to prune lilacs is just after flowering. Rejuvenate lilacs by pruning out the oldest one-third of stems each year, while at the same time removing any conflicting branches or sucker growth. This lilac grows at a medium rate.