

Copper Curls® Pekin Lilac

Syringa reticulata ssp. *pekinensis* 'SunDak' (PP16,570)
(Family: *Oleaceae*)

Description: A small tree with showy creamy white blossoms and very showy coppery-orange exfoliating bark. Grown either as a single or multi-trunked tree. Cold-tolerant and able to withstand urban environments (soils and pollution) make this an excellent tree for a variety of landscape uses.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zone 3 to 7

Mature Size: Height: 25', Spread: 25'

Form (Shape): Rounded to upright spreading habit.

Growth Rate: Moderate

Foliage: Deciduous

Summer: Shiny medium to dark green.
Autumn: Not showy.

Texture: Medium, finer texture and more open than Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) because of smaller stems and leaves.

Flower: Creamy-white flower panicles in late spring/early summer, 12 to 14 days after common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*).

Fruit: Large tannish clusters of capsules remain on the tree, which add interest to the winter landscape.

Special Features: Extremely showy coppery-orange exfoliating (peeling, curling and flaking) bark.

Light Preferences: Full sun to part shade

Soil Preferences: Moist well-drained soils, soil pH adaptable.

Propagation: Grafting, tissue culture or softwood cuttings.

Ornamental Attributes: Copper Curls® Pekin lilac is a late blooming small tree featuring showy plumes of fragrant creamy-white flowers. It has extremely showy exfoliating coppery-orange bark, which adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes: One of the most trouble-free lilacs. Good choice for attracting butterflies and possibly deer resistant. This specimen is tolerant of urban conditions. It is recommended as a boulevard, small shade or landscape specimen tree.

Comments: Copper Curls® is introduced in collaboration with Dr. Scott Redlin, Raleigh, NC. Any pruning should be done after flowering.

Availability: Apple Creek Propagators, Speer & Sons Nursery, Inc.

