



## Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'



<b>Height</b>	10 m
<b>Crown</b>	oval, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs brown, flaking, bark dark grey-brown with broad horizontal lenticels
<b>Leaf</b>	broad oval, dark green, 5 - 14 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	in dense panicles to approx. 30 cm, yellow-white, June/July, fragrant flowers
<b>Fruits</b>	dry, woody capsule, brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	any, provided well-drained, tolerates limy soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	fairly to good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Leonard K. Slater, Agincourt, Ontario, Canada, 1973

Medium-size tree with an oval crown to approx. 10 m tall and 8 m wide. The young twigs are brown to reddish brown and flaking after several years like the bark of *Prunus serrula*. Old bark is dark grey-brown and typically covered with horizontal lenticels. The broad oval leaves are dark green. Around late June to mid-July large dense panicles of yellow-white flowers appear. The flowers have a strong fragrance reminiscent of privet. The flowers are followed by dark brown, woody capsules. Selected by Leonard Slater from a group of seedlings at Sheridan Nurseries in Canada and differs from the species by its distinctly upright growth pattern and eventually narrower crown. This lilac prefers a warm, sunny site and grows in any soil provided it is not too wet. Also tolerates lime.