

## Common Purple Lilac *Syringa vulgaris*.

**Distribution:** Common lilac is native of Europe, introduced and naturalized in the United States. It is well adapted throughout the United States.

**Growth:** Common purple lilac has a moderate growth rate and reaches 10 to 15' in height.

**Adaptability:** Lilac is easily grown on most soil types but prefers neutral to slightly acid soil. This species does not tolerate poorly drained soils. It performs best in a warm sunny position. Lilac is highly resistant to drought and cold and is very long lived.

**Comments:** Its dense growth and adaptability to a wide range of environments make it an excellent choice for outer rows of windbreaks. Their large, fragrant blossoms add aesthetic value in spring. Lilac provides cover and nesting sites for many species of birds.

