

Meyer Lilac

Syringa meyeri 'Palibin' (Family: Oleaceae)

Description: Meyer Lilac is a compact, slow-growing, deciduous, flowering shrub. 'Palibin' is most known for its abundant, fragrant pale pink flowers, and glossy green foliage. This shrub boasts a dense, rounded form and excellent resistance to powdery mildew.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 7.

Natural Habitat: Native to northern China.

Mature Size: Height: 4-5', Spread: 5-7'

Form (Shape): Compact, dense, and rounded.

Growth Rate: Slow.

Foliage: Opposite, simple dark green leaves that are broadly elliptic to ovate in shape.

Texture: Medium.

Flowers: Single, sweetly fragrant pale pink flowers. Very attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies.

Fruit: Small, brown, oblong capsules.

Light: Full sun to partial shade. Best flowering occurs in full sun.

Soil: Grows best in moist, well-drained rich soil. Avoid poorly drained soil.

Propagation: Propagated by stem-tip cuttings or layering.

Failure Patterns: Failure is generally uncommon; however, flower buds are susceptible to spring frost.

Disease and Insects: 'Palibin' has shown resistance to powdery mildew. Other disease and insect problems include leaf spots, blights, cankers, and wood rots.

Landscape Use: Great plant for foundation plantings, shrub borders, and mass plantings.

Availability: Readily available in nursery trade.