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Peking Tree Lilac (*Syringa pekinensis*)

Origin: species native to China

Mature Size: Small (<25' tall)

Description: Peking Tree Lilac is similar to Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*), but often has smaller leaves and a more arching branch habit. It is a slow-growing flowering tree, with an oval form in youth becoming wider with age. It has white flower clusters in late spring (early June). It prefers well-drained soil, but is tolerant to a wide range of site conditions, and has no serious disease or pest problems. Fall color is yellow or green. The brown seed capsules may remain on the tree through the winter. China Snow® has attractive amber-brown peeling bark (photo above right) and a broad habit. Great Wall™ also has attractive bark and is slightly more upright in form. Beijing Gold® has light yellow flowers and darker bark.