

# *Syringa pubescens* subsp. *patula* 'Miss Kim'



## Common Name: Manchurian lilac

Type: Deciduous shrub

Family: Oleaceae

Zone: 3 to 8

Height: 4.00 to 9.00 feet

Spread: 5.00 to 7.00 feet

Bloom Time: May

Bloom Description: Lilac

Sun: FULL SUN

Water: Medium

Maintenance: Low

Suggested Use: Hedge

Flower: Showy, Fragrant, Good Cut

Leaf: Good Fall

Attracts: Hummingbirds, Butterflies

Tolerate: Deer

**Culture** Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun. Tolerates light shade, but best bloom is in full sun. Prefers rich, moist, somewhat neutral soils. Needs good air circulation. Prompt removal of faded flower panicles before seed set will increase bloom in the following year. Prune immediately after flowering.

**Noteworthy Characteristics** *Syringa pubescens* subsp. *patula* is more upright growing than *Syringa meryeri* or *Syringa pubescens* subsp. *microphylla* and grows to 9' tall and as wide. Lilac-purple flowers, 4-6" long, often occur in pairs, at the branch tips.

'Miss Kim' is a compact, upright cultivar which grows 4-7' tall with a similar spread. Lavender to ice blue, sweetly fragrant, single flowers are arranged in dense, terminal clusters (panicles to 3" long) which cover this shrub in May (St. Louis). Elliptic to ovate, dark green leaves (to 5" long) turn burgundy (often attractive) in autumn. A good selection for southern climates.

**Problems** No serious insect or disease problems. This lilac is considered to be a low maintenance plant with excellent resistance to powdery mildew. Young leaves and flower buds are susceptible to frost injury in spring.

Source: <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder>