

Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac *Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk'

Description: This is an excellent small tree with a dense headed oval plant form. Branches are ascending which allows it to be successfully used in smaller spaces. Plant crown is quite dense especially in young trees. Mature size is 20' - 30' tall and 12-15' wide.

It produces large 5-6" clusters of small, fragrant, creamy-white flowers in late June-early July when few other trees are blooming. These showy flowers remain in bloom for an extended period of time. Fruit is a capsule that turns from light green to brown as it matures. Bark is quite dark with noticeable white lenticels, resembling the bark of cherry trees.

Habitat: Fairly tolerant of a range of soil conditions and salt. Prefers full sun for best development.

Fun Facts: You can see a young example of this tree in Wilmington (pictured) at 309 Hawthorne Street. A more mature example can be seen at 439 S. Sycamore Street.

