

# 'IVORY SILK' JAPANESE TREE LILAC

*Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'*

The 'Ivory Silk' Japanese Tree Lilac is a small tree that is native to Japan. Ivory Silk was introduced in Ontario, Canada in 1975. Its height is 20 feet-30 feet with a width of 15 feet-20 feet. It is a vigorous, sturdy, upright tree with a straight trunk and stiff branches. It has a reddish brown, cherry-like bark that becomes gray and scaly with age. Its long, slender, heart shaped leaves are dark green without notable fall color. In late spring it bears large creamy-white flower clusters. Its fruit is clusters of capsules, turning from green to brown. The size, upright habit, attractive flowers, fruit and bark make it well suited for use along streets. It transplants easily and prefers full sun and well drained soil.



One Japanese Tree Lilac was planted in November 2005 as part of Pottsville's fall tree replacement/enhancement program. It was given to the cemetery through the City of Pottsville's Shade Tree Commission because the selected site in Pottsville was not available. The Japanese Lilac is planted to the west of the carriage house off Valley Road.

