Fascination Arabian Lilac

Vitex trifolia 'Fascination'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Trifoliate Chastetree, V. trifoliata var. purpurea

Description:

A large shrub featuring aromatic foliage that emerges purple and turns gray-green with purple undersides; lavender flowers produced most abundantly in mid-summer, followed by black berries; a great tall hedge or screen, or prune as a small tree

Ornamental Features

Fascination Arabian Lilac has panicles of fragrant lavender flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to early winter. It has attractive grayish green foliage with purple undersides which emerges purple in spring. The fragrant compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It produces black berries in late summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Fascination Arabian Lilac is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Fascination Arabian Lilac foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Fascination Arabian Lilac flowers
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Fascination Arabian Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Fascination Arabian Lilac in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Fascination Arabian Lilac will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Fascination Arabian Lilac makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.