

Syringa

Offsite Assessment Report

2010 – 2012



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RHS Trial of Syringa

Introduction to *Syringa*

Syringa (or lilac as is commonly known) is a genus of around 20 species of shrubs and trees native to the woodland and scrub of South East Europe to East Asia. They are grown for their pyramidal or conical panicles of small tubular flowers, often highly scented, ranging in colour from white, pink, magenta, almost red through to lilac and blue. Most garden varieties are grouped under *S. vulgaris* (common lilac) and this assessment concentrated on cultivars from this species and *S. x hyacinthiflora* (a hybrid of *S. oblata* and *S. vulgaris* also known as early flowering lilac and hyacinth lilac). New flower buds are developed within weeks of the end of blooming, however a period of cold weather is required for satisfactory flowering in the following spring.

Objectives

The objectives of the trial were:

- To identify the best and most distinctive cultivars and recommend the Award of Garden Merit
- To compare established and new cultivars

Judging

The Woody Plant Trials Assessment Panel assessed entries in the Trial for the Award of Garden Merit during the flowering periods of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Entries

There were 162 plants in the trial assessed as part of the collection held by Mr C Lane.

Plants Receiving AGMs During Trial

The following are the plants thought to fulfil the Award of Garden Merit criteria during the trial and to be worthy of receiving the award. The criteria which a plant needs to fulfil in order to receive the award are:

- excellent for ordinary garden use
- available
- reasonably resistant to pests and diseases
- of good constitution
- essentially stable in form and colour
- reasonably easy to grow

Hardiness Ratings are as follows:

H5 – Hardy in most places throughout the UK even in severe winters. May not withstand open/exposed sites or central/northern locations. Temperature range -15 to -10°C

H6 – Hardy in all of UK and northern Europe. Many plants grown in containers will be damaged unless given protection. Temperature range - 20 to -15 °C

Plants Awarded AGM

***S. vulgaris* 'Sensation' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.3] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, deep purple flowers, edged white produced in conical panicles.

“Distinctive flowers.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Edward J. Gardner' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.52] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, pale pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Very distinct. Around for a long time. Lots of flower.”

***S. x hyacinthiflora* 'Maidens Blush' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.61] Votes 8-0

Flowers: mid to late spring
Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Single, pale pink flowers produced in large panicles.

“Covered in flower. Excellent plant.”





***S. vulgaris* 'Primrose' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No. 87] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, creamy yellow flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Unique. Only really yellow Syringa.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Krasavitsa Moskv' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.104] Votes 4-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, pink buds, opening to white flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Attractive, open panicles. Has substance.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Souvenir de Alice Harding' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.109] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, white flowers produced in conical panicles.

“One of best double whites.”



AGM Subject to Availability

***S. vulgaris* 'Kardynal' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.5] Votes 12-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, dark purplish-red flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Stunning. Rich colour. Full of flower.”



***S. x hyacinthiflora* 'Purple Heart' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.9] Votes 6-0

Flowers: mid to late spring

Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Single, deep violet-purple flowers produced in large panicles.

“Rich, dark buds. Free flowering. Very pretty.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Ogni Moskv' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.12] Votes 10-1

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Blackish-red buds opening to deep reddish maroon flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Very distinctive. Exceptionally dark buds. Vigorous.”





S. vulgaris 'De Croncels' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.19.] Votes 10-1

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, lavender-pink flowers produced in conical panicles after coppery buds.

“Good contrast between bud and flower colour.”

S. vulgaris 'Anne Shiach' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.21] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, dark purple flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Darkest of all. Very good colour. Lovely panicles.”



S. vulgaris 'Sweetheart' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.25] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, soft pink flowers produced in conical panicles from darker buds.

“Charming. Good contrast between bud and flower. Distinct.”



S. vulgaris 'Glory' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.41] Votes 9-2

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Large florets.”





***S. vulgaris* 'Mme. Antoine Buchner' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.49] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Neat panicles. Very good pink double.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Romance' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.56] Votes 6-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, rosy- lavender flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Good flowers. Big, open panicles.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Pinkie' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.57] Votes 9-2

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, light pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Good colour. Good contrast in bud and flower colour.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Maud Notcutt' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.92] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, white flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Good plant. Open panicles. Lovely form.”





***S. x hyacinthiflora* 'Sister Justina' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.97] Votes 8-0

Flowers: mid to late spring
Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Single, white flowers produced in large panicles.

“Airy panicles. Best single white S. hyacinthiflora.”

***S. x hyacinthiflora* 'The Bride' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.99] Votes 6-0

Flowers: mid to late spring
Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Single, white flowers produced in large panicles.

“Distinct. Open panicles of pure white. Weatherproof.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Agincourt Beauty' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.112] Votes 9-2

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, deep purple flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Very large florets.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Violet Glory' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.115] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, deep violet flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Free flowering. Huge florets.”



S. vulgaris 'Dwight D Eisenhower' AGM (H5) 2012

[Trial No.125] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pale lavender-blue flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Very attractive. Can see individual flowers.”

S. vulgaris 'Duc de Massa' AGM (H5) 2012

[Trial No.140] Votes 8-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, blue flowers produced in conical panicles from pinkish buds.

“Impact. Very attractive. Very distinct.”



S. vulgaris 'Olimpiada Kolesnikova' AGM (H5) 2012

[Trial No.149, 159] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Deep pink buds opening to paler, double flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Distinct. Outstanding. Good contrast between stem and flower.”



S. vulgaris 'Kremlevskie Kuranty' AGM (H5) 2012

[Trial No.151] Votes 10-1

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Dark-red buds opening to deep lilac-pink single flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Fantastic colour. Totally distinct.”



Reconfirmed AGMs

***S. vulgaris* 'Charles Joly' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.2] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, purple flowers produced in conical panicles.



***S. vulgaris* 'Andenken an Ludwig Spaeth' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.22] Votes 8-1

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, deep magenta flowers produced in conical panicles.

***S. vulgaris* 'Mrs Edward Harding' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.29] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer

Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, magenta flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Compact and very floriferous. Lively colour for dark lilac.”



***S. x hyacinthiflora* 'Esther Staley' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.42] Votes 11-0

Flowers: mid to late spring

Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Dark-red buds, opening to lilac-pink flowers produced in large panicles.

“Very floriferous. Distinct. Fantastic.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Katherine Havemeyer' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.50] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, lavender-pink flowers produced in conical panicles.



***S. vulgaris* 'Macrostachya' AGM (H5) 2012**
[Trial No.62] Votes 11-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pale pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Lovely plant. Very upright panicles.”

***S. vulgaris* 'Lucie Baltet' AGM (H5) 2012**

[Trial No.63] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pale pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Distinct. Free flowering. Coppery buds.”



***S. vulgaris* 'Lilarosa' AGM (H5) 2012**
[Trial No. 64] Votes 6-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pale lavender-pink flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Beautiful flower.”

S. x hyacinthiflora 'Buffon' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.69] Votes 6-0

Flowers: mid to late spring
Height / Spread: 5m

Spreading shrub with broadly heart shaped leaves, bronze when young. Single, lavender-pink flowers produced in large panicles.

“Very attractive. Distinct colour and texture.”



S. vulgaris 'Vestale' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.100] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, white flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Attractive, open panicles.”

S. vulgaris 'Mme. Lemoine' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.106] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Double, white flowers produced in conical panicles.



S. vulgaris 'Firmament' AGM (H5) 2012
[Trial No.127] Votes 9-0

Flowers: Late spring – early summer
Height / Spread: 7m

Spreading shrub or small tree with heart shaped to ovate leaves. Single, pale blue flowers produced in conical panicles.

“Attractive flowers. Outstanding.”

Plants Assessed

1	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Paul Hariot'	27	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Paul Deschanel'
2	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Charles Joly'	28	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'My Favourite'
3	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Sensation'	29	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mrs Edward Harding'
4	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Znamya Lenina'	30	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Marechal de Bassompierre'
5	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Kardynal'	31	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Gismonda'
6	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Etoile de Mai'	32	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Bogdan Przyrzkowski'
7	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Yankee Doodle'	33	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Alice Eastwood'
8	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Sarah Sands'	34	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Stefan Makowieckii'
9	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Purple Heart'	35	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Summer Skies'
10	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Purple Glory'	36	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Priscilla'
11	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Pocahontas'	37	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pink Cloud'
12	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Ogni Moskvj'	38	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mrs Watson Webb'
13	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Lavender Lady'	39	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Massena'
14	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mrs W. E. Marshall'	40	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Marechal Foch'
15	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Jane Day'	41	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Glory'
16	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Frank Paterson'	42	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Esther Staley'
17	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Etna'	43	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Diane'
18	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Dusk'	44	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Congo'
19	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'De Croncels'	45	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Chmurka'
20	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Dark Knight'	46	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Bright Centennial'
21	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Anne Shiach'	47	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Arch McKean'
22	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Andenken an Ludwig Spaeth'	48	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Olive Mae Cummings'
23	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Albert F Holden'	49	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mme. Antoine Buchner'
24	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Winners Circle'	50	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Katherine Havemeyer'
25	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Sweetheart'	51	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'General John Pershing'
26	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Paul Thirion'	52	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Edward J. Gardner'

53	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Cora Lyden'	80	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Michel Buchner'
54	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Berryer'	81	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Komsomolka'
55	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Anabel'	82	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Emile Lemoine'
56	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Romance'	83	<i>S. oblata</i> var. <i>donaldii</i> (5010.ES)'
57	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pinkie'	84	<i>S. oblata</i> var. <i>donaldii</i> (5012.ES)
58	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pink Perfection'	85	<i>S. oblata</i> var. <i>donaldii</i> (5016.ES)
59	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'May Day'	86	'Slaters Elegance' sport
60	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Marie Francis'	87	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Primrose'
61	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Maidens Blush'	88	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Avalanche'
62	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Macrostachya'	89	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Candeur'
63	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Lucie Baltet'	90	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Independence'
64	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Lilarosa'	91	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Marie Legraye'
65	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Lamartine'	92	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Maud Notcutt'
66	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Daphne Pink'	93	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mme. Felix'
67	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Catinat'	94	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Monument'
68	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Burgemeester Voller'	95	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mont Blanc'
69	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Buffon'	96	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Rochester'
70	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Abundant Bloomer'	97	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Sister Justina'
71	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Utro Moskvý'	98	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Souvenir de Mme. Louis 'Geillis'
72	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'I. V. Michurin'	99	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'The Bride'
73	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Carolyn Mae'	100	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Vestale'
74	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'William Robinson'	101	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Edith Cavell'
75	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Victor Lemoine'	102	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'General Sheridan'
76	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Tadeusz Kosciuszko'	103	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Jeanne d'Arc'
77	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Swarthmore'	104	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Krasavitsa Moskvý'
78	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pamyat o. S. M. Kirove'	105	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Miss Ellen Willmott'
79	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Ogni Dombassa'	106	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mme. Lemoine'

107	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'President John Adams'	133	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Silver King'
108	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Prof. E H Wilson'	134	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Wedgewood Blue'
109	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Souvenir de Alice Harding'	135	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Wonderblue'
110	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Sovetskaya Arktika'	136	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Eleanor Berdeen'
111	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'St. Margaret'	137	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Gastello'
112	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Agincourt Beauty'	138	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mechta'
113	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Aurea'	139	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Ami Schott'
114	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Cavour'	140	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Duc de Massa'
115	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Violet Glory'	141	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Olivier de Serres'
116	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Le Notre'	142	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'President Grevy'
117	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Russkaya Pennya'	143	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'President Viger'
118	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Violetta'	144	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Prof. Hoser'
119	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Big Blue'	145	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'P. P. Konchalovski'
120	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Blanche Sweet'	146	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Nebo Moskvu'
121	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Blue Delft'	147	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Asessippii'
122	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Blue Ice'	148	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Hugo Koster'
123	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Clarkes Giant'	149	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Olimpiada Kolesnikova'
124	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Decaisne'	150	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'K. A. Timiryazev'
125	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Dwight D Eisenhower'	151	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Kremlevskie Kuranty'
126	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Fale Baltyku'	152	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Letha House'
127	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Firmament'	153	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Marengo'
128	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Heavenly Blue'	154	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Mirabeau'
129	<i>S. x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Laurentian'	155	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Peerless Pink'
130	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Mons. Lepage'	156	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Sorok Let Komsomola'
131	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pat Pesata'	157	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pol Robson'
132	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Prof. Edmund Jankowski'	158	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Gortenziya'

159	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Olimpiada Kolesnikova'
160	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Pioneer'
161	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Prince Wolkonsky'
162	<i>S. vulgaris</i> 'Princesse Sturdza'

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