## **Lakeshore Garden Centres**

# Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac

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## Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac Hardenbergia violacea 'Mini Haha'

Height: 30 inches Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Mini Ha Ha, Hardenbergia monophylla

### **Description:**

A small, semi-vining evergreen shrub presenting narrow blue-green leaves with rounded tips and clusters of pinkish-purple flowers in late winter through spring; this plant will climb with support but remains dense and shrub-like

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac is clothed in stunning clusters of lilac purple pea-like flowers with purple overtones and chartreuse spots along the branches from late winter to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive violet flower buds. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue which emerges chartreuse in spring. The small narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The coppery-bronze stems can be quite attractive.



Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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### **Planting & Growing**

Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mini Haha Dwarf Purple Vine Lilac makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.