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Fascination Arabian Lilac



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Vitex trifolia 'Fascination'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

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. Its attractive fragrant compound leaves emerge purple in spring, turning grayish green in color with curious purple undersides the rest of the year. 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 annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant 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 is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Fascination Arabian Lilac foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Fascination Arabian Lilac flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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.

Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



*Fascination Arabian Lilac in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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 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 is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.