



## SMALL BUT MIGHTY LILACS

Korean and other dwarf lilacs represent a treasure trove of shrubs having tidy habit, fragrant flowers, and amazing disease resistance. Get the jump on next year by planting this fall.

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SAY "BOUQUET OF LILACS" to a fan of romantic films, and you'll be directed immediately to a scene from 1954's *Magnificent Obsession*: Rock Hudson, playing an eye surgeon, presents a bouquet of lilacs to his formerly blind, now newly and miraculously sighted patient, played by Jane Wyman. Together in a convertible, they drive off in a cloud of fragrance, accompanied by the hauntingly beautiful strains of Chopin's *Étude in E Major*.

Gardeners will know by instinct that the lilacs in this scene would have been of the common variety, *Syringa vulgaris*, probably from  
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