

California-Friendly Plant: Wild Lilac

The sweet smell of lilacs is not out of reach for your California-Friendly garden. Many wild lilacs are native to our region and thrive with only the water provided by Mother Nature, even during summer. There are several varieties of wild lilacs for you to select for your garden, ranging from low, spreading ground covers and shrubs to small trees.

The wild lilac has become one of the most popular native plants due to its natural beauty and drought tolerance. This purple plant requires very little water, and in fact, most lilacs die from too much water, not too little. Lilacs do not like drip irrigation or any extra watering, and do well without fertilizer. Lilacs also enjoy full sun and well-drained soil, and naturally excel on slopes. This California-Friendly plant will stay green all year round, and will have showy sprays of butterfly-attracting blooms of light blue and deep purple in the spring, which will fill your garden with a fresh fragrance.



Wild Lilac
Ceanothus

Season: Spring

Size: 1.5 ft. – 20 ft.

Color: Blue or purple flowers

Water: None

Sun: Full sun