Beijing Gold™
(Syringa pekinensis ‘Zhang Zhiming’) Peking Tree Lilac®

A superior tree lilac with attractive primrose-yellow summer flowers, eye-catching yellow autumn leaf color, and a more upright habit, this Peking tree lilac is less coarsely branched than most tree lilacs. A selection made by Zhang Zhiming of the Beijing Botanic Garden, People’s Republic of China. This selection was introduced into the United States through the North America-China Plant Exploration Consortium (NACPEC).
**Botanical Name**
*Syringa pekinensis ‘Zhang Zhiming’* (note: some authorities list as *Syringa reticulata* subsp. *pekinensis*)

**Trademark Name***
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**Family**
Oleaceae

**Origin**
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**Hardiness**
This selection is hardy to USDA Zones 4 to 7, and not recommended for south of Zone 7.

**General Habit**
A deciduous small tree, this selection can be grown either single- or multi-stemmed. It is more upright in habit and less coarsely branched than most tree lilacs.

**Size and Growth Rate**
Grows to 20 feet in height with a 15-foot spread. Moderate growth rate of around one foot per year.

**Ornamental Characteristics**
This selection exhibits multiple seasons of interest, from its panicles of fragrant, primrose-yellow flowers in early summer to its dark green foliage that can turn an eye-catching yellow in autumn. The ornamental, cherry-like cinnamon-colored bark is attractive year-round. An upright habit and finer branches than most tree lilacs completes the package.

**Culture**
Best grown in full sun on a well-drained, reasonably moist soil, which can be acidic to alkaline. Drought-tolerant once established. Prune if necessary immediately after blooming. Since it has a better branching habit than most tree lilacs, there is less of a need for corrective shape pruning.

**Pest and Disease Problems**
Good resistance to bacterial blight, powdery mildew, scale and borers for a lilac, especially in the recommended USDA Zones. Tolerant of both soil and aerial salt.

**Landscape Value**
Excellent as a specimen plant or in groups in the lawn or along drives and parkways, in the mixed woody plant border, as a foundation shrub, or in any other suitable habitat where its excellent ornamental attributes can be appreciated year-round. It can be grown either single-stemmed or multistemmed, depending on your space and preferred habit. More upright and finer-branched than most tree lilacs.