

# *Styrax japonicus* 'Purple Haze'



*Styrax japonicus* 'Purple Haze' is a cultivar of *Styrax japonicus* with an unclear origin. This selection reaches a height of about four to six meters and a width of three to four meters. It forms an irregular yet elegant tree with a broad pyramidal to broadly ovate shape that gradually becomes more rounded with age. The dark foliage combined with its graceful habit makes this tree well worth planting.

It is easy to see what this cultivar was selected for. The leaves emerge in a striking matte violet color and turn dark green with purple margins in summer, adding depth and color to the garden throughout the growing season. In autumn, the purple tones become more pronounced again. The gracefully drooping twigs give *Styrax japonicus* 'Purple Haze' an elegant, tiered silhouette. Around June and July, the tree produces an abundance of small, bell shaped, fragrant white pink flowers that hang delicately from the branches and resemble a light snowfall. The red flower stalks create a beautiful contrast, and the pale pink flowers stand out nicely against the dark foliage. After flowering, small, inconspicuous green brown capsules develop. The bark of the dark leaved Japanese snowbell 'Purple Haze' is smooth and gray, developing subtle exfoliation as the tree matures.

This selection prefers a partially shaded location with protection from strong winds to safeguard its delicate branches. It thrives in moist, well drained, acidic and fertile soils. Thanks to its compact size and striking ornamental qualities, *Styrax japonicus* 'Purple Haze' is a versatile choice for gardens and parks.

## TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** standard trees, characteristic trees

## USE

**Location:** park, central reservation, large garden, small garden, cemetery | **Pavement:** none

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** rounded, wide egg-shaped, wide pyramidal | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 4 - 6 m | **Width:** 3 - 4 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 6B - 9B

## ASPECTS

**Wind:** slightly tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun, partial shade | **pH range:** acidic, neutral | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, nectar value 1, pollen value 1 | **Extreme environments:** curiosity

## PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** raceme, bell-shaped, striking, pendulous, singular, small, flower-scented | **Flower colour:** white-pink, pale pink | **Flowering period:** June - July | **Leaf colour:** buds violet, violet-green, dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovate, ovoid, matt polished, serrate | **Autumn colour:** green | **Fruits:** hairy, discrete, toxic, small, drupe, capsule | **Fruit colour:** dark violet | **Bark colour:** red-brown, grey-black | **Bark:** slightly furrowed, smooth | **Twig colour:** yellow-brown, brown | **Twigs:** bare, pendulous, finely branched | **Root system:** shallow, slightly branched, fine roots

