

Lagerstroemia indica

Lagerstroemia indica, commonly known as Crape Myrtle or Crepe Myrtle, is a flowering deciduous tree that is native to China, Korea, and Japan. It is a popular ornamental tree in many parts of the world due to its showy, long-lasting flowers and attractive bark.

The tree can grow up to 30 feet tall and 20 feet wide, with a rounded to vase-shaped crown. The leaves are simple, opposite, and usually about 2-3 inches long, with a glossy green colour that turns red or orange in the fall. The bark is smooth and mottled, with colours ranging from gray to light brown to reddish-brown.

The most distinctive feature of the Crape Myrtle is its flowers. The tree produces large, showy clusters of blooms in shades of pink, red, purple, or white, depending on the cultivar. The flowers appear in mid-summer and can last for up to three months.

Crape Myrtle trees prefer full sun and well-drained soil and are relatively low-maintenance once established. They are commonly used as specimen trees, in group plantings, or as street trees, and are often pruned in late winter or early spring to promote a more compact shape and abundant flowering.

This tree is deemed a tree of future for streets. It's being heavily used in London, and it believed to be very good under climate change pressures



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