



Natchez Crapemyrtle - New For 2024!

Lagerstroemia 'Natchez'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Description:

An ornamental tree that is covered with papery panicles of white flowers on weeping branch tips; decorative bark exfoliates to expose layers of color; shows good resistance to powdery mildew; heat and drought tolerance; does not like to be over-fertilized

Ornamental Features

Natchez Crapemyrtle is bathed in stunning panicles of lightly-scented white frilly flowers at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn orange in fall. The peeling brown bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Natchez Crapemyrtle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects



Natchez Crapemyrtle flowers
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Natchez Crapemyrtle in bloom
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Natchez Crape myrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

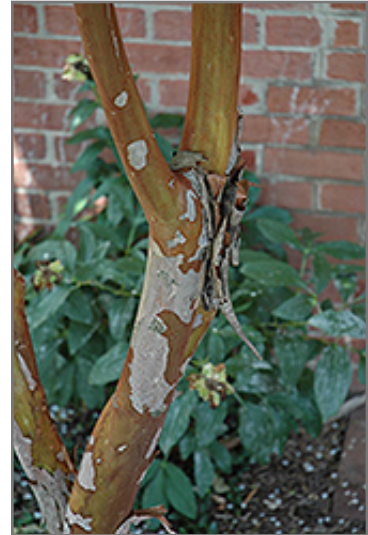
Natchez Crape myrtle will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Natchez Crape myrtle is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Westwood Gardens Selected Plant

Natchez is one of our favorite Crape Myrtles to recommend. The bark always sells it. Clear white blooms. Good Height. Easy care. What's not to love?



*Natchez Crape myrtle bark
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