

Crape Myrtles are easy to grow trees and shrubs that possess many outstanding features. Intricate and strong, Crape Myrtles have gray, tan, or cinnamon-hued branches that bear glorious clouds of colorful, long-lasting blooms in late summer. In the fall, they dependably produce radiant foliage in reds, oranges, and yellows. Winter reveals their exfoliating bark, which makes their naturally sculpted trunks look like living works of art. Crape Myrtles boast year-round appeal, but in the heat of the summer they show their true colors, from red to pink to lavender, purple and white. Summer and early fall is an excellent time to purchase them because you can see exactly what color you're getting.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Flower Color	Fall Foliage	Height	Description
Bellini Grape	Lagerstroemia x 'Congrabel'	Lavender	Yellow	3' - 4'	Compact and rounded habit. Resistant to mildew. Dwarf shrub.
Bellini Raspberry	Lagerstroemia x 'Conlagras'	Rose - Pink	Yellow	3' - 4'	Compact and rounded habit. Resistant to mildew. Dwarf shrub.
Burgundy Cotton	Lagerstroemia x 'Whit VI'	White	Burgundy	20'	Burgundy foliage. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Catawba	Lagerstroemia x 'Catawba'	Deep Purple	Orange - Red	10' - 15'	High disease resistance. Large shrub. Exfoliating bark.
Delta Eclipse	Lagerstroemia x 'Deleb'	Lavender - Pink	Burgundy	8' - 12'	Curved burgundy foliage. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Delta Jazz	Lagerstroemia x 'Chocolate Mocha'	Brilliant Pink	Burgundy	8' - 10'	Curved burgundy foliage. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Dynamite	Lagerstroemia x 'Whit II'	Fiery Red	Red	15' - 20'	Good disease resistance. Exfoliating bark. Great choice for specimen plant.
Hopi	Lagerstroemia x 'Hopi'	Pink	Yellow - Red	8' - 10'	Exfoliating bark. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Mardi Gras	Lagerstroemia x 'Mardi Gras'	Pink - Purple	Yellow, Orange, Red	2' - 3'	Miniature variety. Excellent for containers.
Muskogee	Lagerstroemia x 'Muskogee'	Light Lavender - Pink	Red - Orange	25'	Exfoliating bark and good mildew resistance. Great choice for specimen plant.
Natchez	Lagerstroemia x 'Natchez'	White	Orange - Red	30'	Cinnamon brown exfoliating bark. Good specimen plant.
Pink Velour	Lagerstroemia x 'Whit III'	Fuchsia - Pink	Red	10' - 15'	Small tree or semi-dwarf shrub. Disease resistant.

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Plum Magic	Lagerstroemia x 'Plum Magic'	Fuchsia - Pink	Yellow	6' - 8'	Purple plum maturing to dark green foliage. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Purple Magic	Lagerstroemia x 'Purple Magic'	Dark purple	Yellow	5' - 8'	Reddish new growth maturing to glossy green. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Ruffled Red Magic	Lagerstroemia x 'Piilag - VI'	Brilliant Red	Orange - Red	12'	Reddish new growth maturing to dark green. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Rhapsody in Pink	Lagerstroemia x 'Whit VIII'	Soft Pink	Yellow, Orange, Red	10' - 15'	Semi-dwarf shrub. Disease resistant and exfoliating bark.
Sioux	Lagerstroemia x 'Sioux'	Deep Pink	Maroon	10' - 15'	Exfoliating bark and disease resistant. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Siren Red	Lagerstroemia x 'Whit VII'	Oxblood Red	Yellow, Orange, Red	6' - 12'	Exfoliating bark and disease resistant. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Tonto	Lagerstroemia x 'Tonto'	Fuchsia Pink - Red	Maroon	5' - 10'	Semi-dwarf shrub. Exfoliating bark.
Twilight Magic	Lagerstroemia x 'Piilag - VIII'	Coral - Pink	Burgundy	16'	Deep plum foliage. Semi-dwarf shrub.
Tuscarora	Lagerstroemia x 'Tuscarora'	Pink - Red	Orange	22'	Exfoliating bark and disease resistant. Great choice for specimen plant.

Planting and Care: Crape Myrtles like the heat and do best in a spot that gets full day or afternoon sun exposure. Dig a hole that is twice the width of the rootball and mix in a good organic compost and transplant fertilizer. Once your Crape Myrtle is planted, make sure it gets adequate water for the first year. However, once well-established, Crape Myrtles are drought tolerant. Crape Myrtles are one of the last plants to come out of dormancy in the spring. They do not "wake up" until June in the Northwest, so if you don't see signs of life in early spring, don't panic.

Pruning: Crape Myrtles grow rapidly and can put on up to 2 to 4 feet of new growth in a year. Crape Myrtles bloom on new wood, and require a spring pruning in February or March when they are dormant. You can lightly prune your Crape Myrtle in October to remove spent flowers and prune as hard as you want in early spring to maintain size.