

# CREPE MYRTLE



**General Notes - - - Utility friendly tree. Native to China.**

Crape Myrtle is a commonly used single or multi-trunk tree, effective as a flowering or foliage accent. It blooms best in full sun, when it receives moderate moisture. It has handsome peeled bark and a colorful summer bloom.

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## **Tree Characteristics**

Erect or Spreading with a Low Canopy. Oval, Rounded, Umbrella or Vase Shape. Has Deciduous foliage.

Height: 25 feet. Growth Rate: 24 Inches per Season. Longevity 50 to 150 years.

Leaves Oval, Bronze or Dark Green, Red, Gold, Orange or Multicolored, Deciduous.

Flowers Showy. Lavender, Pink, Red, Rose or White. Flowers in Summer. Has perfect flowers (male and female parts in each flower).

Brown Capsule, Small (0.25 - 0.50 inches), fruiting in Fall.

Bark Striking, Light Green, Pink or Red Brown, Exfoliating or Smooth.

Shading Capacity Rated as Moderately Dense in Leaf and out of Leaf.

Litter Issue is Dry Fruit.

## **Tree Site Conditions & Constraints**

Sunset Zones 7 - 10, 12 - 14 and 18 - 21. USDA Hardiness Zones 7 - 9.

Exposure Full Sun.

Drought tolerant. Moist to Dry Soil. Clay, Loam or Sand Texture. Highly Acidic to Slightly Alkaline Soil pH.

Salinity Tolerance is Moderate Inland.

Seaside Tolerance is Not Suited.

## **Pests & Disease Information**

Resistant to Texas Root Rot. Susceptible to Aphids, Powdery Mildew and Sooty Mold.

## **Health, Safety & Environmental Concerns**

Branch Strength Rated as Medium. Root Damage Potential Rated as Low.

None Known Health Hazard.

Biogenic Emissions considered Low.

Attracts Birds.

**Special Uses & Values - - - Screen. Hedged.**

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