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Crapemyrtle: indica 'Dynamite®'

Leaf Color Green

Fall Color Orange

This plant has attractive fall colors.

Leaf Identification

Type: Simple

Arrangement: Opposite

Venations: Pinnate

Margins: Entire

Shapes: Elliptic, oblong and obovate

Length: Less than 2in./5cm to 4in./10cm

Fruit Color Brown

The fruit is dry, oval and round.

Environment

This plant tolerates some drought and a little salt.

This plant will grow in dry soil.

Suitable soil is well-drained/loamy, sandy or clay.

The pH preference is an acidic to slightly alkaline (less than 6.8 to 7.7) soil.

***Lagerstroemia indica* 'Dynamite®'**

Crapemyrtle

Lythraceae (Loosestrife)

Nomenclature: Royal Hort. Society

Type Tree, woody plant

Hardy range 6B to 9A

Height 20' to 25' / 6.00m to 7.60m

Spread 15' to 20' / 4.60m to 6.00m

Growth rate Average

Form Vase shaped

Exposure Full sun

Persistence Deciduous

Bloom Color Red

Bloom Time Spring through Fall

The flowers are very showy.

Native Habitat

China

Crown, Branch and Twig

This plant is symmetrical with a medium texture and has a moderately dense crown.

This plant's bark is thin and showy.

Branches or twigs are thin.

This plant is often grown with multiple trunks.

Branches droop.

This plant can be trained to a single trunk.

This plant has low flammability.

Pests, Diseases and Damaging Agents

Pests: Aphids often infest the new growth causing an unsightly sooty mold to grow on the foliage. Heavy infestations can be serious. Ambrosia beetle can attack even healthy trees; they tend to attack as trees emerge from dormancy. Japanese beetles relish the foliage of crapemyrtle.

Landscape Uses

- Border
- Street tree
- Pollarding
- Standard
- Massing
- Specimen

Attributes and Features

- Pest tolerant
- Persistent fruit
- Attractive fruit



Diseases: This cultivar is very resistant to powdery mildew. Crapemyrtle is susceptible to *Armillaria mellea* root rot, a root fungus disease that girdles the trunk at the base of the plant. Plants in soils previously supporting oaks are most often infected.

