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Crapemyrtle: indica 'Red Rocket®'

Leaf Color Green
Fall Color Orange, red and yellow
This plant has attractive fall colors.

Leaf Identification

Type: Simple
Arrangement: Opposite
Venations: Pinnate
Margins: Entire
Shapes: Elliptic, oblong and obovate

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.

Landscape Uses

- Specimen

Attributes and Features

- Pest tolerant
- Persistent fruit
- Attractive fruit

Lagerstroemia indica 'Red Rocket®'

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 18' to 25' / 5.40m to 7.60m
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. There are new cultivars (many developed by the USDA) available which are resistant to powdery mildew and aphids. Ambrosia beetle can attack even healthy trees; they tend to attack as trees emerge from dormancy. Japanese beetles relish the



foliage of crapemyrtle.

Diseases: This cultivar resists 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.

