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## Crapemyrtle 'Muskogee'

**Leaf Color** Green

**Fall Color** Red

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.

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

### **Landscape Uses**

- Street tree
- Pollarding
- Standard
- Massing

### **Attributes and Features**

- Pest tolerant
- Persistent fruit
- Attractive fruit

### ***Lagerstroemia x 'Muskogee'***

Crapemyrtle

**Lythraceae (Loosestrife)**

**Type** Tree, woody plant

**Hardy range** 7A to 10A

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

**Spread** 20' to 25' / 6.00m to 7.60m

**Growth rate** Fast

**Form** Vase shaped

**Exposure** Full sun

**Persistence** Deciduous

**Bloom Color** Lavender

**Bloom Time** Spring through Fall

The flowers are very showy.

### **Native Habitat**

Hybrid origin

### **Crown, Branch and Twig**

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

This plant's bark is showy.

Branches or twigs are thin.

This plant is often grown with multiple trunks.

This plant can be trained to a single trunk.

### **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.

**Diseases:** This cultivar has good resistance to powdery mildew. *Cercospora* leaf spots have been causing defoliation in recent



years and could pose a potential problem. 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.

