

PLANT SALE

Featuring Crape Myrtle & Dogwood

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At the UT Arboretum, Highway 62 in Oak Ridge



Pink Velour

Lagerstroemia indica x 'Whit III'

This hardy semi-dwarf (8-10' tall and wide) Whitcomb introduction has bright reddish pink crinkly flowers. These play off its gorgeous burgundy wine new foliage, which then turns purplish-green. Fall color is orange. The flowers remain from late spring into fall. It's very drought tolerant and has high mildew resistance. Use as a colorful accent, a screen, a foundation plant or in groupings. Winner of the 2007 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's "Gold Medal Plant Award."

Dynamite

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit II'

The first true red Crape Myrtle, and one of the hardiest, this is a small upright tree (to 20'). It is also very disease and pest resistant, drought tolerant, and long-lived, making it an eco-friendly choice. Its profuse cherry red blooms are cone-shaped and can be 20" long. Fall color is orange. It will brighten any area and last about 100 days. Even its leaves start out red. Plant in full sun as a specimen, in a grouping or foundation planting. It flowers best with no pruning!

Catawba

Lagerstroemia indica 'Catawba'

This handsome, hardy Crape was introduced by the US National Arboretum. It offers abundant large, long-lasting (about 70 days) clusters of purple to violet-purple blooms. Its striking foliage has a bronze tint in spring before turning glossy dark green, and is reddish-orange in fall. Its bark peels to show a pinkish inner layer. It grows quickly to a rounded dome about 15' in diameter. Plant Catawba in full sun. Many think this is the best semi-dwarf purple Crape.

Burgundy Cotton

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit VI' Cultivar

Although this upright Whitcomb Crape grows rapidly, and can increase by 5' or more in one season, its mature height is only about 8-12' and 3-5' wide. It may be grown as a large bush or small tree. Its flowers are white and ruffled with bright yellow stamens. They begin in early July and continue until frost. The buds are crimson, providing a colorful contrast to the white blooms. One of its most interesting features is its striking foliage: its very large deep burgundy leaves turn dark green with wine-red undertones when the flowers begin. Very drought tolerant and highly resistant to mildew, this plant likes full sun. It works well as an accent plant, in borders, or foundation plantings. As with most of the 'Whits,' do not prune for best flowering and growth. Deer resistant!



Red Rocket

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit IV' Cultivar

The cherry red flower clusters on this Whitcomb Crape are enormous - about 24 inches long! New leaves are crimson, turning to green. In fall, new blooms appear before the leaves turn bright orange. The fastest growing 'Whit,' it reaches 20' or more in height and 8-10' wide giving it a pretty vase shape. It is extremely drought tolerant and has high mildew and anthracnose resistance. It thrives and flowers with sun and heat in well-drained soil. Red Rocket is a good repeat bloomer, and is easy to grow. For best flowering, do not prune in winter!

Siren Red

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit VII' Cultivar

An outstanding evergreen choice for foundations or border, or to add structure to a perennial bed. Its glossy, small leaves show off the pink buds that open to creamy white,



fragrant blooms. A fast grower to about 10' that likes full sun to partial shade. It produces autumn fruit, and is very easy to grow.

Raspberry Sundae

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit I' Cultivar

This Crape is special in many ways. Its 6-9 inch flowers are raspberry red with white margins, and they are very fragrant. The foliage starts out crimson before turning bronze and finally dark green. It has an upright, fairly narrow profile, with fewer than usual side branches, making it a good choice for screens or informal hedges as well as for specimen or bed groupings and perennial borders. Plant this Crape in heavy loam or clay soil that drains well. It's very drought tolerant, and has the best fall color (orange) of the Whitcomb Crape. Round seed capsules and attractive bark add to the year-round pleasure this Crape will give you. Plant in full sun and do not prune for best results. Deer resistant!



Tonto

Lagerstroemia (indica x fauriei) 'Tonto'

Developed at the US National Arboretum, Tonto is another hardy, adaptable, mildew resistant, easy-to-grow Crape. It likes heavy loam or clay soil, as long as it has good drainage, and does best in full sun. Tonto's 6 inch vibrant, dark fuchsia blooms begin in July and last until September, and they stand out in a landscape. Its foliage is dark green tinged with bronze before turning a bright, deep maroon in fall. It keeps its leaves well into fall before they fall to reveal a peeling mottled cream and taupe bark. Tonto is a semi-dwarf, reaching 5-8' both tall and wide, so it may be used in large containers as well as in informal borders, planting beds, or as a specimen. It won the Georgia Gold Medal in 1996, and the Mississippi Medallion in 1999.