

Crape Myrtle Natchez

lagerstroemia (indica x fauriei) 'Natchez'



Natchez Crape Myrtle potted

Crapes don't get any better when it comes to Natchez. Evaluated and released by the United States Department of Agriculture National Arboretum for its superior qualities, Natchez is the best of the best in tree-sized Crape Myrtles. Its proven overall performance in the landscape from the southern most region of Florida to hardiness range 7A has resulted in an undeniable status of distinction.

A member of the Indian Series, the best of the best earns its distinction aesthetically from a variety of traits. Its large pure white flowering panicles (6-12" long by 4-7 1/2" wide) frequently last for more than 100 days. The extraordinary cinnamon brown exfoliating bark remains spectacular throughout the year. Natchez foliage is dark green and can turn from orange to brilliant red in the fall. When grown as a tree form, this cultivar is naturally vase shaped with uniform multiple branching for a moderately dense canopy.

Combine the outstanding aesthetic qualities of Natchez with its environmental strengths of great cold and heat tolerance, excellent resistance to powdery mildew, good resistance to Crape Myrtle aphids and it becomes clear why Natchez has been chosen the 'Best of the Best.' Natchez is clearly the undisputed king of Crape Myrtles.



Natchez Crape Myrtle flower



Natchez Crape Myrtle bark

Crape Myrtle Natchez

Lagerstroemia 'Natchez'



Natchez Crape Myrtle in the landscape

Common Names:

Natchez, Crape Myrtle

Native Origin :

China & Korea/Hybrid origin

Environment:

Soil: Sand, loam, clay, acidic, alkaline, well-drained
Salt: Medium
Exposure: Full sun

Description:

Hardy Range: 7A - 10A
Mature Height: 20 - 25'
Mature Spread: 15 - 25'
Growth Rate: 15 to 20 years to maturity
Form: Vase shaped, tree form or multi-trunk
Persistence: Deciduous

Ornamental Characteristics:

The flowers are white and are very showy, lasting from spring through fall. The foliage is green, turning to an attractive red in the fall. The fruit is dry, oval, round, and brown in color. Crape Myrtles have an exfoliating bark that peels in layers of cinnamon brown.



Full Sun



Deciduous



Flowering



Urban