



NATCHEZ CRAPE MYRTLE

Lagerstroemia (indica x fauriei) 'Natchez'

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 Standard Crape Myrtle



Natchez flowers



Natchez bark

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Natchez fall foliage

Native Origin: China & Korea/Hybrid origin

Development:

Introduced in 1978 by the United States National Arboretum, division of the United States Department of Agriculture

Recognition: 1998 Mississippi Medallion Program Award

Description:

Hardy Range: 7A to 10A

Mature Height: 20' to 25' / 6.1m to 7.6m

Mature Spread: 15' to 25' / 4.6m to 7.6m

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 very showy lasting spring through fall. Foliage is green, turning to an attractive orange and red in fall. The fruit is dry, oval, round, persistent and attractive and brown in color. Exfoliating bark is cinnamon brown.

Environment:

Soil: Sand, loam, clay; acidic, alkaline; well-drained

Salt: Medium

Exposure: Full sun



full sun



medium salt tolerance



urban



ornamental



deciduous



flowering

