

CRAPEMYTTLES

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The important thing to remember (when choosing a crape myrtle) is that you don't want to choose just by color. Gone are the days when we might ask for "a red crape myrtle" or "a white one." Gardeners have learned to ask for them by specific variety name so that they can better predict the plant's performance.

Many of our crape myrtle varieties have been introduced since 1960. That is generally considered by experts to be the watershed year dividing old varieties from the newer hybrids. You can choose from many features such as flower color, mature size, growth form (shrub-like, weeping, miniature or tree-form), disease and pest resistance, patented varieties, trunk color and character, fall color and even coloration of spring and summer foliage.

Using taller crape myrtles

Fantasy (white) is one of the tallest crape myrtles, growing to 40 feet and beyond. Biloxi (pink) will grow to 30 feet. Natchez (white), Basham's Party Pink, Choctaw (pink), Muskogee (lavender), and Tuscarora (dark pink) all grow to 20 feet tall. When selecting these types of crape myrtles one needs to have a plan in place for planting it. Many times in the nursery these crape myrtles will be in 5-gallon containers and only stand 4 or 5 feet tall. The homeowner will then plant it next to the house, perhaps under an eave, and within 5 years the tree will need to be moved as it grows up to the eave and around it. These taller crape myrtles really need to be used as large, defining shrubs or pruned into tree forms so that they can be used as accent trees in the landscape.

Medium crape myrtles grow from 10 to 20 feet at maturity. Acoma (white) is a beautifully arching, shrub-like crape myrtle that will only grow to about 12 feet, but its growth habit is almost that wide as well. Cherokee (pink), Seminole (dark pink), Tonto (dark pink), Catawba (dark purple) and Potomac

(pink) are medium-sized plants that are often trained tree-form for use in patio areas and other places where more robust types might grow too tall.

Dwarf and weeping crape myrtles grow only to 3 feet. Weeping types have more arching habits and stay at 18 inches or less. Dwarf varieties are so short that they are used primarily as flowering shrubs. Baton Rouge (dark pink), Sacramento (dark pink), Pixie White and Snow Baby are a few examples. Orlando (lavender) and Delta Blush (pink) are a couple of the weeping varieties which look great grown in large planters. A United States National Arboretum introduction called Pokemoke grows to 3 feet tall and wide and is covered with very small leaves and rosy red flower clusters the size of ping pong balls.

Home gardeners and even professionals are amazed when they realize just how many crape myrtle varieties there really are.

The Complete List

Miniature/Weeping: less than 3 feet tall

Baton Rouge (red)
Bayou Marie (pink)
Bourbon Street (red)
Chickasaw (lavender-pink)
Cordon Bleu (lavender)
Creole (red)
Delta Blush (pink)
Lafayette (lavender)
Mardi Gras (purple)
New Orleans (purple)
Pink Blush (pink)
Pixie White (white)
Pokomoke (deep pink)
Purple Queen (purple)
Sacramento (deep red)
World's Fair (deep red)

Dwarf: 3 - 5 feet tall

Cedar Red (red)
Centennial (purple)
Cherry Dazzle (GAMAD I) (red)
Chica Pink (Monink) (pink)
Chica Red (Moned) (red)
Chisam Fire (red)
Dazzle Me Pink (GAMAD V) (pink)
Hope (white)
Mandi (red)
Ozark Spring (lavender)
Petite Embers (Moners) (red)
Petite Orchid (Monhid) (purple)
Petite Pinkie (Monkie) (pink)
Petite Plum (Monum) (deep purple)
Petite Red Imp (Monimp) (dark red)
Petite Snow (Monow) (white)

Pink Ruffles (pink)
Raspberry Dazzle (GAMAD II) (pink)
Royalty (purple)
Ruby Dazzle (GAMAD IV) (red)
Snowbaby (white)
Snow Dazzle (GAMAD III) (white)
Tightwad (Whit V) (red)
Tom Dodd (red)
Velma's Royal Delight (purple)
Victor (dark red)

Intermediate: 5 - 10 feet tall

Acoma (white)
America (red)
Caddo (pink)
Cherokee (red)
Cheyenne (red)
Christiana (dark red)
Dwarf Purple (purple)
Glowing Rose (pink)
Hopi (pink)
New Snow (white)
Okmulgee (dark red)
Pecos (pink)
Prairie Lace (pink)
Siren Red (Whit VII) (red)
Tonto (red)
White Chocolate (white)
Zuni (purple)

Medium: 10 - 20 feet tall

Apalachee (lavender)
Burgundy Cotton (Whit VI) (white)
Candycane (pink/white)
Catawba (purple)
Centennial Spirit (red)
Christmas Time (white)

Comanche (pink)
 Conestoga (lavender)
 Cotton Ball (white)
 Country Red (red)
 Dynamite (Whit II) (true red)
 Firebird (red)
 Griffith Pink (pink)
 Houston Red (red)
 Lipan (lavender)
 Low Flame (red)
 Majestic Orchid (Monia) (lavender)
 Near East (pink)
 Osage (pink)
 Peppermint Lace (pink/white)
 Pink Lace (pink)
 Pink Velour (Whit III) (pink)
 Powhatan (purple)
 Queen's Lace (deep pink/white)
 Raspberry Sundae (Whit I) (red/white)
 Regal Red (red)
 Seminole (pink)
 Sioux (pink)
 Tuskegee (pink)
 William Toovey (dark pink)
 Yuma (lavender)
 Yvonne (pink)

Tall: more than 20 feet tall
 Arapaho (red)
 Basham's Party Pink (pink)
 Biloxi (pink)
 Byers Hardy Lavender (lavender)
 Byers Standard Red (red)
 Byers Wonderful White (white)
 Carolina Beauty (red)
 Choctaw (pink)
 Dallas Red (red)
 Fantasy (white)
 Glendora White (white)
 Kiowa (white)
 Miami (pink)
 Muskogee (lavender)
 Natchez (white)
 Potomac (pink)
 Red Rocket (Whit IV) (true red)
 Sarah's Favorite (5570) (white)
 Townhouse (white)
 Tuscarora (pink)
 Twilight (dark purple)
 Watermelon Red (red)
 Wichita (lavender)

Pictures



Acoma



Biloxi



Comanche



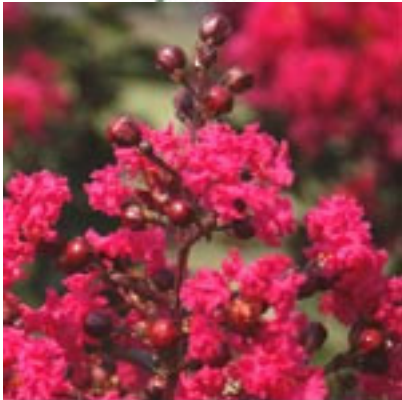
Dynamite



Muskogee



Natchez



Pink Velour



Red Rocket



Sioux



Tonto



Tuscarora



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