

# NATCHEZ CRAPE MYRTLE

## *LAGERSTROEMIA indica* 'Natchez' Crape Myrtle



Height: 30'

Spread: 20'

Shape Medium to large shrub or a small multi-stemmed tree to 40 feet

Foliage: Leaf: Opposite or some leaves alternate or whorled, simple, elliptical, entire margin, 1 1/2 to 3 inches long, dark green above, paler below

Fall Color: Orange to Bright Red Foliage

Hardiness: 6b-9b

Comments: Flower: Very attractive white, occurring in long (8 inch) spike-like clusters, appearing around in early June. Retains flowers until first frost. Fruit: Dry, 6 parted, brown capsule in upright spikes, each capsule 1/2 inch long, persistent through the winter. Twig: Slender, brown (initially red or green), ridged or angled, buds very small. Bark: Gray brown, smooth, exfoliating and exposing shades of brown, reddish brown and green, **very attractive** A United States National Arboretum Introduction – 1987

**preferences:** full sun, fertile, well-drained soils **excellent choice for:** summer flowering deciduous shade tree, groves, accent, heat and drought tolerance, exfoliating bark, reported to be slightly fragrant

