PLANT FINDER

Choctaw Crapemyrtle

Lagerstroemia 'Choctaw'

Choctaw Crapemyrtle flowers
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Height: 18 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Description:

This attractive ornamental shrub or small tree produces volumes of pink frilly blooms in summer, followed by bronze-maroon fall foliage; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; mildew resistant

Ornamental Features

Choctaw Crapemyrtle is draped in stunning panicles of pink frilly flowers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn burgundy in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Choctaw Crapemyrtle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Choctaw Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Choctaw Crapemyrtle in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Choctaw Crapemyrtle will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.