



Peppermint Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia Indica*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 7-10, 12-14, 18-21, H1, H2	Full sun	Moist soil that has been supplemented with peat moss, leaf mold, or decayed sawdust	Infrequent but deep watering	Flowers in deep clusters deep pink with a white picotee edge	To 25 feet tall

Crape myrtle's are easy to grow and a delight to anyone's garden. This Semi-dwarf shrub with peppermint blossoms is extremely showy from mid-summer through fall. Plant in groupings for the best affect or line a drive or fence. Also great for cut flower arrangements.

Crape myrtle are the most colorful element of Southern gardens from mid- to late summer when each branch and twig on the plants is tipped with a 6- to 12-inch cluster of white, pink, red, lavender or purple-red flowers. Individual flowers are about 1 1/2 inches across, so crinkly they look as if they were made of crepe paper. Crape myrtle leaves are oval and 1 to 2 inches long; they are bronze-colored when they first unfold in the spring and become yellow, orange or red before falling late in autumn. The smooth gray bark of old branches and stems gradually flakes off to reveal fresh pinkish bark beneath.