Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit VIII'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Description:

This beautiful and delicate looking crapemyrtle produces volumes of frilly pink blooms contrasting near purple foliage; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; can be grown as a small, multistemmed tree

Ornamental Features

Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle is draped in stunning panicles of pink frilly flowers at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. It has attractive plum purple deciduous foliage. The oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The smooth gray bark and purple branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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

Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle flowers
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Planting & Growing

Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



Rhapsody In Pink Crapemyrtle foliage
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