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Botanical name:

*Lagerstroemia fauriei* 'Fantasy'

Common name:

Japanese Crepe Myrtle

Origin:

Cultivated variety

Typical height:

8-9 metres

Typical width:

6-8 metres

Growth rate:

Slow to moderate

Typical form:

Medium deciduous upright vase-shaped tree becoming rounded with age

Characteristics:

Oval leaves, bright golden to orange in autumn. Highly ornamental bark, smooth cinnamon brown to creme peeling in patches. Large panicles of white flowers over summer.

Site requirements:

Adapts to a range of soils. Grows best in full sun with moist, fertile soil but will tolerate more difficult urban sites once it becomes established. Transplants easily.

Tolerances:

Moderate to high drought tolerance. Plants can defoliate in severe drought, but new foliage and flowers typically emerge when soil moisture returns. Mulching root zones helps vitality. It can grow in limited soil spaces in urban areas. No known allergens.

Notes:

Requires watering during establishment. Prune to single trunk. Low root impacts, low litter drop,

no invasive potential. Powdery mildew resistant.