



NATCHEZ CRAPE MYRTLE

LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA X FAURIEI 'NATCHEZ'



BY NOW, CRAPE MYRTLES ARE FAMILIAR TO JUST ABOUT ANYONE WITH ANY INTEREST IN LANDSCAPING. THEIR DROUGHT-TOLERANCE, SHOWY SUMMER BLOSSOMS, AND EASE OF CULTIVATION MAKE THEM UBIQUITOUS WITHIN THEIR HARDINESS RANGE. BUT, ALAS, THE EASTER EGG COLORS OF THEIR BLOSSOMS CAN SOMETIMES MAKE THEM SEEM OUT OF PLACE IN A NATURAL LANDSCAPE. ENTER 'NATCHEZ'. THOUGH JUST AS PRETTY AS ITS CRAYOLA COUNTERPARTS, ITS WHITE, LACY BLOSSOMS MINGLE MORE NICELY WITH OTHER LANDSCAPE PLANTS. THE FALL COLOR OF THIS CULTVAR IS OUTSTANDING, BRICK RED TO ORANGE, AND THE TWO-TONE PEELING BARK OF MATURE PLANTS IS ATTRACTIVE AND PROVIDES WINTER INTEREST. A GREAT SMALL TREE FOR HOT, DRY GARDENS, IT IS ONE OF THE LARGER VARIETIES, REACHING AROUND 20' TALL AND WIDE. TIP: SINCE CRAPE MYRTLES BLOOM ON NEW WOOD, TIP PRUNING IN SPRING WILL LEAD TO A DENSER CANOPY AND MORE MID-TO LATE SUMMER BLOOMS.

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