

Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Osage' (LAo)

Common Name: Osage crepe myrtle

New species

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small open-branched tree, arching at the crown
- Attractive exfoliating cinnamon coloured bark in various shades
- Green leaves turning to red and orange in autumn
- Masses of pale pink flowers in large [panicles](#) from late summer to autumn
- Insignificant fruit

Height and width

8 metres tall by 8 metres wide

Species origin

Created in the US National Arboretum by crossing *L. indica* and *L. fauriei*, originally from China and Taiwan

Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required: $\geq 30\text{m}^3$
- Good for use in streets such as cul-de-sacs
- Suitable for use in suburban shopping centres, parks and home gardens

Use considerations

- High frost and drought tolerance once established
- Suits most soils from loams to clays
- Grows best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate rate of growth
- Very low flammability
- Mildew resistant
- Produces a small amount of nectar; attracts bees
- Light formative pruning can be undertaken when young to create a high canopy

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability

Commercially available

