



# Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

## Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

**Botanical Name:** *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Sioux' (LAs)

**Common Name:** Sioux crepe myrtle

**New species**

### Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small vase shaped tree
- Dark bark exfoliating to show pinkish under-bark
- Dark green leaves turning coppery-brown to bright red in autumn
- Masses of intense pink flowers in large panicles in summer
- Insignificant fruit

### Height and width

5 metres tall by 3 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:  $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use as a street tree, particularly in areas such as cul de sacs
- Suitable for use in suburban shopping centres, parks and home gardens

### Use considerations

- Suitable for all areas of the ACT
- High frost and drought tolerance once established
- Suitable for most soils, from loams to clays.
- Grows best in full sun
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Mildew resistant
- Produces a small amount of nectar; attracts bees
- Requires a light prune after flowering and can be high pruned for access

### Examples in Canberra

Winchcombe Court, Mitchell

### Availability

Commercially available

