



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Biloxi' (LAb) **New species**
Common Name: Biloxi crepe myrtle

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small open vase shaped tree
- Attractive exfoliating cinnamon coloured bark in various shades
- Green leaves turning to yellow and red/orange in autumn
- Masses of pale pink flowers in large [panicles](#) from late summer to autumn
- Insignificant fruit

Height and width

7 metres tall by 5 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: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Good for use as a street tree in localised area 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
- [Medium longevity](#)
- Moderate growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Grows best in full sun
- 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

Vicars Street, Mitchell

Availability

Commercially available

