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Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Muskogee' (LAm)

Common Name: Muskogee crepe myrtle

New species

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Open vase shaped tree multi-trunked tree with drooping branchlets
- Attractive exfoliating cinnamon coloured bark in various shades
- Green leaves turning to yellow and red/orange in autumn
- Masses of lavender flowers in large panicles from late summer to autumn
- Insignificant fruit

Height and width

6 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: $\geq 15\text{m}^3$
- Can be planted in suburban shopping centres and in mass plantings for special effect; not suitable for carparks
- Can be used as a street tree, in 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
- Mildew resistant
- Produces a small amount of nectar; attracts bees
- Light formative pruning can be undertaken when young to create a high canopy
- Suggested that flowers can stain car paint

Examples in Canberra

Not known in Canberra in public plantings

Availability

Commercially available

