



Design Standards for Urban Infrastructure

Plant Species for Urban Landscape Projects in Canberra

Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica* x *L. fauriei* 'Natchez' (LAn)

Common Name: Natchez crepe myrtle

New species

Species Description

- Deciduous
- Small open vase shaped tree
- Attractive exfoliating cinnamon coloured bark in various shades
- Green leaves turning to red/bronze in autumn
- White flowers, flowering late summer/autumn for 60 to 90 days on the new season's wood
- Insignificant fruit

Height and width

8 metres tall by 6 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: $\geq 15^3$
- Can be used as a street tree, particularly in small streets such as cul-de-sacs
- Suitable for use in parks and shopping centres
- Suitable for use in 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 growth rate
- Very low flammability
- Mildew resistant
- Light formative pruning can be undertaken when young to create a high canopy

Examples in Canberra

Baillieu Court, Mitchell

Availability

Commercially available

