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Dear Member,

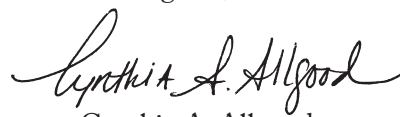
Thank you for contributing to the Arbor Day Foundation and for sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Please enjoy these free shrubs as a sign of my appreciation.

Your shrubs have arrived in a bundle; please separate them before planting. Included is a guide to help identify your plants and ensure proper planting conditions. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*, and more information is available online at [arborday.org/planting](http://arborday.org/planting).

Because we want your planting experience to be successful, your shrubs are guaranteed to arrive healthy and to grow, or they will be replaced within one year of shipment.

If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at [info@arborday.org](mailto:info@arborday.org) or 888-448-7337.

Best regards,



Cynthia A. Allgood  
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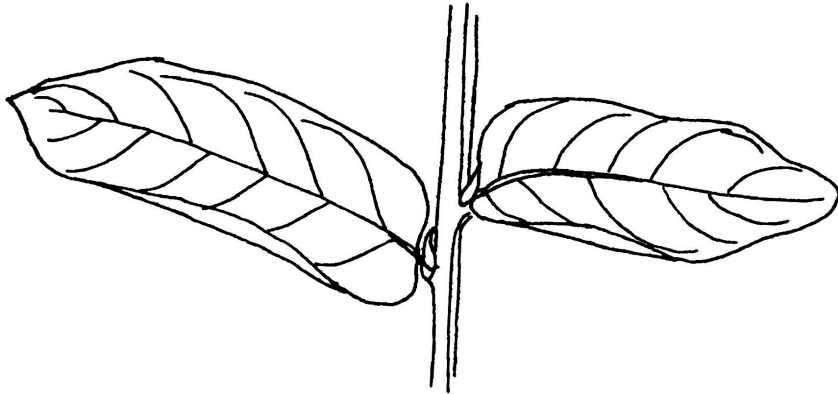
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## **Crapemyrtle** *Lagerstroemia indica*

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The **Crapemyrtle** is a medium-sized shrub or small tree. It is multi-stemmed with dense branching, but can be pruned to a single trunk.

The glossy leaves are medium to dark green in summer, changing to yellow, orange, and red in fall. The striking flowers hang in 6"-8" panicles and have wrinkled petals resembling crepe paper. They grow in a variety of colors, including white, pink, purple, and deep red. Blooming from late spring and summer into fall, flowers are followed by small clusters of red-brown berries that help attract butterflies and birds.

Plant 3'-6' apart for a hedge. New growth can be pinched to increase flower number. The lower branches are often thinned to show off the trunk form and color. Because pruning can directly affect cold hardiness, you should try to have it completed by early August.

<b>Mature Height</b>	15'–25'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	6'–15'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast (24" or more per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic or Alkaline, Drought-tolerant, Moist, Well-drained