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Crape Myrtles for Spectacular Color all Summer Long!

By Joe Covington

Each year from June through September we're treated to the dazzling floral displays of crape myrtles. These Texas jewels have one of the longest blooming seasons, plus they're among our toughest, most adaptable plants.

Since crape myrtles come in so many sizes now, they can be used in most any location with six or more hours of sun. The miniature and weeping varieties such as White Cascade, Violet Filli, and Sacramento (red) stay below 3 feet, making them perfect for small spaces including containers.

Then there is a large group of dwarf crapes that average between 3 to 6 feet and come in a wide array of flower colors from pure white, to gorgeous shades of pink, purple and red. Some of these little beauties include Berry and Cherry Dazzle, Pocomoke, Early Bird White, the "Petite" series, and the new Princess varieties (Holly Ann, Jayden, Kylie, Lyla, Zoey).

The "Intermediates" reach 8 to 15 feet and are ideal for smaller residential lots. Choose varieties like Siren Red (dark red), Pink Velour (hot pink), Catawba and Zuni (purple), Acoma (white), or the new "Ebony" series with bright blooms and exotic black leaves that contrast beautifully with green foliage plants. And for those who love the standard size crape myrtle trees that reach 15 to 20 feet or more, try the true red Dynamite or Red Rocket, Twilight (rich purple), or Tuscarora (coral pink). White blooming Natchez, treasured for its cinnamon brown bark, can grow to 30 feet tall.

Crape myrtles are the most consistently beautiful plants that Texas has to offer, they're drought tolerant once established, and several have brilliant fall color! With so many old favorites and new introductions available in such a wide range of colors and sizes, you won't have any trouble finding the perfect ones for your landscape!

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