

## v - Plant



crape myrtle

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Description

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Lagerstroemia /le??r?stri?mi?/, commonly known as crape myrtle or crepe myrtle "banaba", is a genus of around 50 species of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs native to the Indian subcontinent.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
crape myrtle	Pink	July to September	2.00 to 3.00 feet	easy to grow

## Planting and care

Dig Hole: Dig a hole twice the size of the root ball on the crape myrtle. Soil amendments: Itâ€™s usually not necessary to amend the soil when planting crape myrtles, unless youâ€™re amending the entire planting bed, since pockets of high-nutrient soil can prevent the roots from branching out properly.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	well-drained soil	Medium	-	Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for v

- Climate: Crape myrtles can be grown in hardiness zones 6-10, although in zone 6 theyâ€™re likely to die back to the ground in winter.
- Water: Crape myrtles like humid climates. Once established, they can tolerate quite a bit of drought.
- Light: Crape myrtles flower best in full sun (at least six hours per day).
- Soil: Crape myrtles do well in most any kind of soil, as long as itâ€™s well-drained. The ideal soil pH is neutral to slightly acidic.

## Typical uses of v

**Special features:** Good dwarf plants for foundations and other small areas of the landscape. May be used as a specimen shrub or in groups or mass planting. Also effective in shrub borders or perennial borders. Where winter hardy, it may also be grown as a small hedge. Containers.

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Medicinal use:** Bark, leaves and flowers are considered hydragogue and drastic purgative. Bark is also considered stimulant and febrifuge. Roots are astringent and used as gargle. Seeds have narcotic properties. In Manipur, flowers and leaves are used as purgatives. Bark is stimulant and febrifuge (fever removing) Roots are astringent and used as gargle.

## References

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