

紫薇属 - *Lagerstroemia*, Crape Myrtle (*Lythraceae*)

紫薇 - *indica*

Small tree or large shrub with scaling bark that reveals the reddish-brown glabrous wood. Sessile leaves or shortly petiolated, elliptical or elongate, 2-7cm long, almost always pointed, dark green turning reddish-purple in autumn. Flowers: clustered in very dense terminal racemes, 10-20cm long. Requires fertile, loose, well drained soil. Tolerates pollution in town centres where it is often used as a street tree or planted in groups in parks. The *Lagerstroemia* can be included in all size gardens, either planted singly or in groups. Flowering occurs on current year's wood and therefore it should be pruned hard but never before the second fortnight of February.



"Bianco sel. Grassi"

Pure white. Early-flowering.

"Cardinale"

Deep violet.



Lagerstroemia



"Caroline Beauty"

American Variety. Scarlet. Abundant flowering.

"Coccinea"

Bright Red.



"Durant Red"

American variety, red-pinkish.

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"Nivea"

White.

"Rosea"

Pure pink.



"Rosea Grassi"

Deep pink. Vigorous, upward growing, particularly good for standard trees.

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"Rosea Nova"

Bright pink.

"Rosso sel. Grassi"

Red. The most resistant to cold.



"Rubra magnifica"

Very bright red.

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"Violacea sel. Grassi"

Deep violet, upward growing.