

# Red Rocket Crape Myrtle



## *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Whit IV'

- **Use:** A Carl Whitcomb introduction Red Rocket® Crape myrtle has huge, up to 20 inches long, cherry red flower clusters. has an upright growth habit and can get up to 20 feet tall at maturity. This cultivar is highly resistant to powdery mildew and has some drought tolerance.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full/part sun; well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water regularly. They tolerate clay and alkaline soil well. Prefers not to have water on the leaves.
- **Growth:** Grows 15-20' tall. Shape into a tree but cutting out weak shoots. Handout available on our website.
- **Hardiness:** 6-9; Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. New growth is a red to red-purple color and new wood is red in color, the leaves will fade to dark green later in the season.
- **Flowers:** Deep red blossoms throughout the summer. Flowering begins in July and will continue until frost.

Heat loving small tree with lots of color!