

# Center Stage Red Crape Myrtle



## *Lagerstroemia indica* 'Center Stage Red'

- **Use:** Do you live for the drama? Looking for a plant that commands the spotlight but is still easy to grow? Center Stage Red crapemyrtle is just the plant to fill the role! With its deep black foliage and glowing red flowers, it truly will command center stage in your landscape. We spent many years developing and evaluating dark-leaf crapemyrtles like this to ensure that our selection would be vigorous and resist the diseases that often plague the species, so you'll enjoy clean, glossy foliage all season long. It naturally grows with a narrow, space-saving habit that eliminates the need to prune and opens up a range of landscaping possibilities.
- **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 so use drip instead of sprinkler irrigation. UGA has a great article on pruning and care of Crape Myrtles online.
- **Growth:** This variety has been described as having an intermediate growth habit, reaching 6 ft. to 12 ft. tall, a spread of 8 ft., and can be used as a specimen or in mass plantings.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6-9; Shrub; Small Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Nearly black foliage with excellent disease resistance.
- **Flowers:** Cheerful cherry-colored flowers all summer. Colorful foliage and flowers keeps it interesting from spring through fall.

Crape Myrtles look particularly nice when lining driveways or fences, and can also be planted in a container on your deck or patio as long as the container is at least 12 in. diameter.

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