

# Magic Red Crape Myrtle



An early summer bloomer with brilliant red flowers that form a dense, shrub or can be trimmed to a small tree. The foliage emerges with a red tint and transforms to a deep green in the summer, setting off the true red flowers. Blooms in summer on new wood, prune in late winter.



## *Lagerstroemia indica* 'First Edition Red Magic'

- **Use:** Talk about red AND ruffled! This new crapemyrtle has distinctly different, carnation-like, glowing red flowers that show beautifully against the lustrous dark green foliage. Foliage turns orange-red in fall. The habit is upright, but compact, with dense branching.
- **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.
- **Growth:** This variety has been described as having an intermediate growth habit, reaching 10 ft. to 12 ft. tall, a spread of 6 ft. to 7 ft., and can be used as a specimen or in mass plantings.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6-9; Shrub/ Small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage flushes to red in fall. It is also resistant to Cercospora leaf spot and powdery mildew, which is quite a breeding accomplishment in red crapes.
- **Flowers:** The bright red blooms reach their productivity peak during the summer and fall months. Like the others in the Magic series, Ruffled Red™ reblooms in late summer if the first flush of flowers is deadheaded.

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