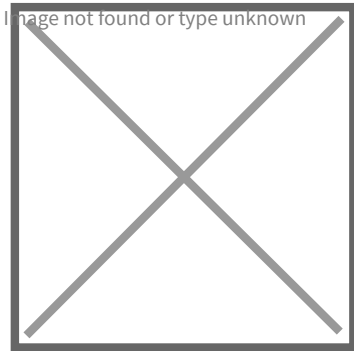




Lagerstroemia indica



Height	4 - 8 m
Width	2-4m
Crown	irregular vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	young twigs light brown, winged, bark light brown-grey, scaling in thin plates
Leaf	opposed, ovate to elliptical, 3 - 5 cm, green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	white, pink or purple(-red), 3 - 4 cm, in terminal panicles, 15 - 20 cm, July/September
Fruits	dry capsule, dark brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few soil requirements, tolerates drought
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Fauna tree	valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	China

Small, sometimes multi-stemmed tree with a rather irregular, vase-shaped crown, to about 8 m tall but usually shorter. The old bark flakes off in thin plates, revealing the underlying bark. This varies from light brown to a deep cinnamon brown, giving rise to an attractive pattern of brown-grey and pinkish brown hues. The leaves are yellow-green on emerging, turning dark green in summer. The flowers are grouped in large terminal panicles. They are conspicuous for their heavily undulate petals. The flower colour naturally varies between white, pink and purplish red. The autumn colour of white-blossoming trees is usually yellow. Trees that blossom pink or purplish red have orange, red or purple autumn colours. Has few demands as to soil but prefers a sunny, sheltered position. Tolerates drought.