



## Lagerstroemia 'Natchez'



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| <b>Height</b>                | 6-9 m                                                                          |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 6-9m                                                                           |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing                               |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | young twigs light brown, winged, bark light brown-grey, flaking in thin plates |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | green                                                                          |
| <b>Autumn colour</b>         | yellow, orange, red                                                            |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | white, flowers in July, August                                                 |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | brown                                                                          |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                                           |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock                        |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil                                            |
| <b>Soil moisture</b>         | suitable for dry soil                                                          |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates paving                                                               |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)                                                          |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | moderate                                                                       |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | valuable for bees (honey plant)                                                |
| <b>Application</b>           | tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens                    |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem                                               |

Originating from a cross between *Lagerstroemia indica* and *L. fauriei*, 'Natchez' is one of the better hybrids in this genus. Forms a tree 6-9 m tall with a round crown. The cinnamon-brown bark, which flakes off lighter grey-brown, is an important added feature. The summer's glossy dark green leaves turn orange to red in autumn, depending on local conditions and temperature. In the second half of summer, the white flowers open, arranged in up to 30 cm long, dense panicles. The petals are typically fringed, giving the flowers a "fluffy" appearance. The yellow stamens add a subtle touch of colour.

Grows in any soil type, if somewhat permeable, and tolerates drought and lots of heat. 'Natchez' is one of the better tree cultivars for use in temperate climates. It tolerates semi-paved areas and can be used as avenue tree. Naturally, it is also a beautiful park or garden tree. Hardiness zone 8a.