



## Lagerstroemia indica



<b>Height</b>	4 - 8 m
<b>Width</b>	2-4m
<b>Crown</b>	irregular vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	young twigs light brown, winged, bark light brown-grey, scaling in thin plates
<b>Leaf</b>	opposed, ovate to elliptical, 3 - 5 cm, green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow, orange, red
<b>Flowers</b>	white, pink or purple(-red), 3 - 4 cm, in terminal panicles, 15 - 20 cm, July/September
<b>Fruits</b>	dry capsule, dark brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few soil requirements, tolerates drought
<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
<b>Origin</b>	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.