



Lagerstroemia 'Natchez'



Height	6-9 m
Width	6-9m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	young twigs light brown, winged, bark light brown-grey, flaking in thin plates
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	white, flowers in July, August
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil
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

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.