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Lagerstroemia 'Ebony Rose'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Description:

This elegant ornamental shrub is covered in vivid rose pink blooms in summer, held over intense, highly contrasting black foliage; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; also good for container planting

Ornamental Features

Ebony Rose Crapemyrtle is covered in stunning panicles of rose frilly flowers at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. It has attractive black foliage with hints of crimson which emerges burgundy in spring. The recurved oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn dark red in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ebony Rose Crapemyrtle is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ebony Rose Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Ebony Rose Crapemyrtle flowers
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Planting & Growing

Ebony Rose Crape Myrtle will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Ebony Rose Crape Myrtle makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.