



**Barista® Chai Berry Crapemyrtle**

*Lagerstroemia 'Chai Berry'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Crape Myrtle, Crepe Myrtle

Group/Class: Barista Collection

**Description:**

This exciting ornamental shrub or small tree produces volumes of vibrant, frilly, rose pink blooms in late summer; a captivating focal point for the garden or border; mature heights will be taller in southern climates; blooms on new wood

**Ornamental Features**

Barista Chai Berry Crapemyrtle is clothed in stunning panicles of rose frilly flowers with hot pink overtones and yellow anthers at the ends of the branches from late summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive coppery-bronze flower buds. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn red in fall. The fruits are showy green pods displayed from mid fall to early winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Barista Chai Berry 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 is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Barista Chai Berry Crapemyrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Barista Chai Berry Crapemyrtle flowers*

*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Barista Chai Berry Crapemyrtle in bloom*

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

### **Planting & Growing**

Barista Chai Berry Crape Myrtle will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

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.