

The U.S. National Arboretum Serves as International Cultivar Registrar for *Lagerstroemia*, *Cercis*, and Unassigned Woody Genera

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The U.S. National Arboretum serves as International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for *Lagerstroemia*, *Cercis*, and Unassigned Woody Genera (Fig. 1). An ICRA serves to collate and publish cultivar names of plant groups in order to prevent duplication of a cultivar name and to provide a resource of all known cultivar names in a checklist form. The International Society for Horticultural Science administers the International Cultivar Registration Authorities via the Nomenclature and Cultivar Registration Commission. The aims of the ICRA are to: prevent duplicated uses of cultivar and group epithets; ensure names are in accord with latest edition of ICNP; to maintain a voluntary, non-statutory system; encourage self-policing of nomenclature; be international in scope; and the success depends on co-operation of all those involved with creation and marketing of new plants. The Arboretum's role as ICRA for three plant groups is of significance to researchers, plant breeders, and those involved with the marketing of new plants. The curation of plant names for those groups can improve the naming, organization, and understanding of those groups for professionals who work with them. In addition there is a general benefit to the aforementioned parties, as well as the general public, that the Arboretum will maintain lists of named plants in those groups that also contain valuable horticultural and historical information. This information may aid industry professionals and homeowners interested in attaining the correct plants for their particular usage <<http://www.usna.usda.gov/Research/Herbarium/Lagerstroemia/index.html>>.

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CULTIVARS AND NAMES OF *LAGERSTROEMIA*

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This *Lagerstroemia* Checklist is an updated edition of the original *Lagerstroemia* Checklist of Cultivar Names, published in 1978. It is the compiler's opinion that in recent years, the search for clarity in the names of various crapemyrtle selections goes beyond just the inclusion of valid cultivar names as dictated by the rules of the *International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants—1995*. For the nurseryman, consumer, or other interested person, trade names with their synonyms need to be included so that the public can make knowledgeable decisions about the crapemyrtle they may wish to grow or market.

The format of the list is basically the same as in the previous checklist:

- Regardless of rank, all names (sub-species), botanical varieties, botanical forms, cultivars, trade names, or trademarked names are enumerated in alphabetical order. Since all entries are alphabetized, no index appears in this list.
- The reference(s) for a name is placed in parentheses. This is followed by a notation if a description is absent, and a second reference cited that includes a description. Subsequent pertinent references are also cited.
- Important information from the original bibliographic citation follows the name and is preceded by a colon. Descriptive information is presented in the following order: Habit; leaf characters; flower characters; and miscellaneous data such as hardiness and disease resistance. When available, the source, discoverer, selector, namer, and introducer (with significant dates) follow. Information undocumented by published references is often included and segregated by periods.



Fig. 1. *Lagerstroemia* checklist.