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### **Shumaka®**

Shumaka® is a hybrid resulting from the cross of Lagerstroemia x 'Arapaho' and an unknown pollen donor. This new plant has unique flower color contained in a very large growing crape myrtle. Plant height at maturity is generally 20+ feet, and this hybrid flowers from early June through late August.

The bark is smooth to exfoliating, and has outer bark that is greyish brown in color (Inset A). The inner bark is greyish green. New stem growth and new leaf midvein color is purplish maturing to green. Leaf margins are entire. The leaf shape is ovate to elliptical with an acuminate tip, and the leaf bases are rounded (Inset B).

Shumaka® roots easily with the same protocols as other crape myrtles.

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