



Crape Myrtles are a favorite in Tuolumne County and in late summer each year it is easy to see why. They have very showy blooms beginning in July and are available in a variety of colors: red, white, shades of pink, and shades of purple. Like many other shrubs – Olives, Redbuds, Oleander, Pineapple Guava, Photinia, and many others – Crape Myrtles can be a bush or a tree. The tree form of these plants is the result of training the bush into a standard tree throughout its life. Unfortunately, Crape Myrtles are not deer-resistant so if you live in an area with high deer traffic then the tree form is more ideal. You can protect the tree until the lowest branches are at least 4 feet high, out of reach of deer. These shrubs/trees also come in a range of sizes. There are dwarf varieties that only get 4-6 feet tall, some that only get 10 feet tall, most that get 15-20 feet tall, and a few that reach 25-30 feet at maturity. After the impressive summer flowers, Crape Myrtles get lovely fall color that is often a mix of yellows and oranges. The leaves fall off for winter and then it's the peeling, two-toned bark that adds an attractive feature. Crape Myrtles are often one of the last things to leaf out in the spring. While this can be alarming to have a bare tree even once spring has come, it's actually a good thing because the Crape Myrtle is protecting itself from late freezes. Trees that leaf out early and then experience a late frost will often look unhappy for the remainder of the year. By waiting to leaf out, Crape Myrtles avoid frost damage and gear up to be a beautiful addition to any property for the remainder of the year. We carry Crape Myrtles in 5-gallon, 15-gallon, and larger!

Pinks

Tuscarora
Sioux
Tuskegee
Potomac
Pink Velour

Reds

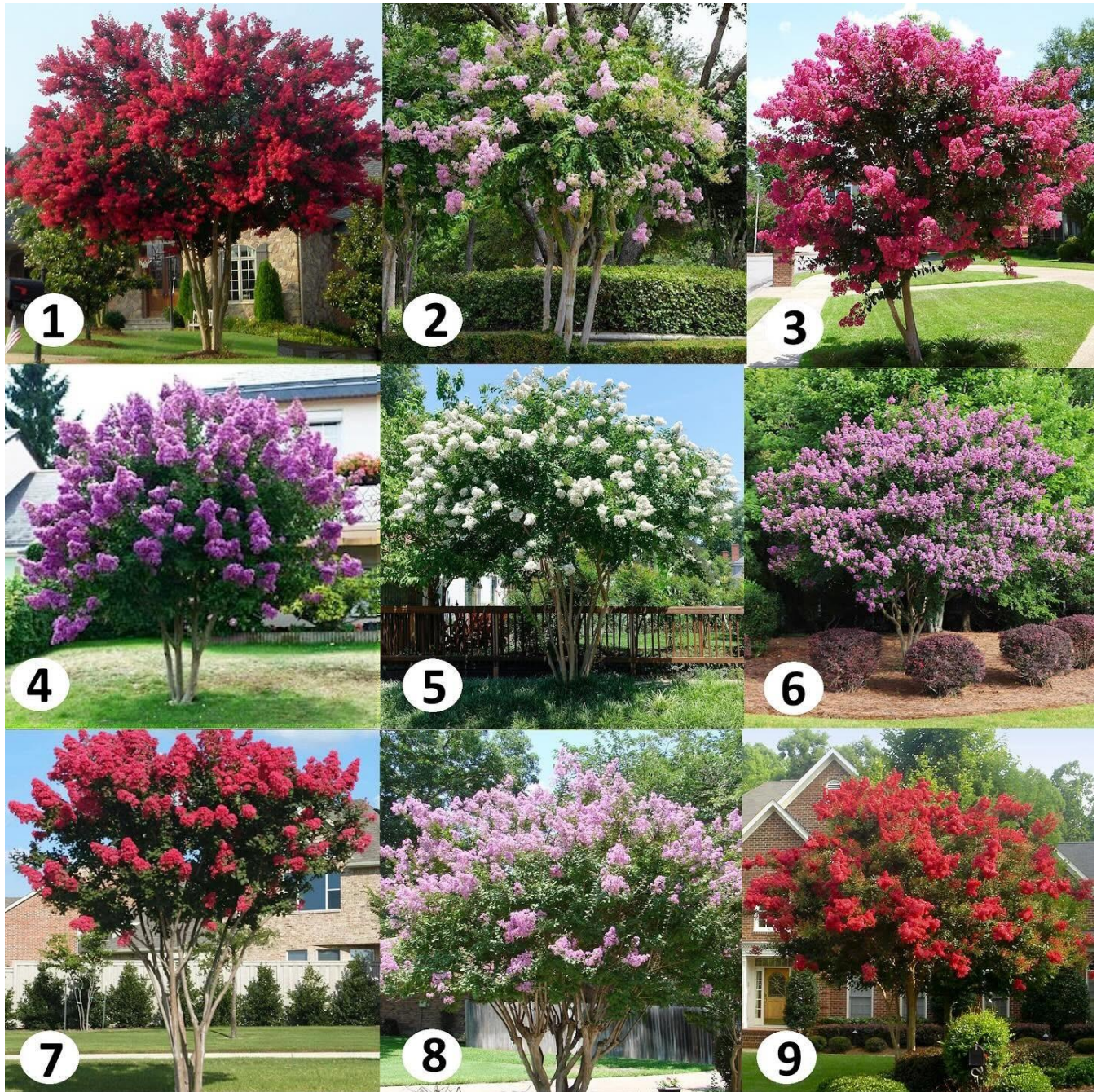
Dynamite
Arapaho
Centennial Spirit
Cherokee Red
Red Rocket

Whites

Natchez
Acoma

Purples

Catawba
Twilight
Zuni
Muskogee



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| 1. Dynamite (deep red) | 2. Muskogee (pale lavender) | 3. Tuscarora (bright coral-pink) |
| 4. Catawba (purple) | 5. Natchez (white) | 6. Twilight (light purple) |
| 7. Centennial Spirit (watermelon red) | 8. Zuni (lavender) | 9. Red Rocket (cherry red) |