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# *Lagerstroemia* 'Pocomoke'

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The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Lagerstroemia* 'Pocomoke', the second in a new series of miniature hybrid crapemyrtles. Plant this rosy-flowered little beauty in all of your summer fun areas. Great as a container plant on patio or deck, 'Pocomoke' will charm with its diminutive bushy habit and rose-pink flowers. Give your garden a southern accent with the lovely 'Pocomoke'!



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## 'Pocomoke' Hybrid Crapemyrtle

<b>Botanical Name:</b>	<i>Lagerstroemia (indica x fauriei)</i> 'Pocomoke' (NA 62918; PI 603813)
<b>Family:</b>	Lythraceae
<b>Hardiness:</b>	Reliably top hardy to USDA Zone 7b; root hardy to USDA Zone 6.
<b>Development:</b>	'Pocomoke' was produced and selected by Dr. Donald Egolf from a complex pedigree involving five original plants and their progeny intercrossed for five generations. Approximately one-third of its genotype was contributed by <i>L. fauriei</i> . The first cross in this pedigree was made in 1967, and the final cross that resulted in 'Pocomoke' was made in 1989. The name 'Pocomoke' was registered with the International Registration Authority for Cultivated <i>Lagerstroemia</i> , and it was released in July, 1998.
<b>Significance:</b>	'Pocomoke' is the second in a series of true miniature <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> x <i>L. fauriei</i> hybrids, reaching a height of 19 inches and a width of 35 inches after eight years of container culture. It is highly tolerant to powdery mildew.
<b>Description:</b>	<b>Height and Width:</b> 19 inches tall and 35 inches wide after 8 years in container culture. <b>Habit:</b> Deciduous, densely branched, compact mound. <b>Foliage:</b> Small, glossy, dark green foliage emerges maroon; bronzed-red fall color. Highly tolerant to powdery mildew. <b>Flowers:</b> Deep rose-pink flowers in mid to late summer, approximately two weeks after flowers appear on standard hybrid varieties of crapemyrtle; persist until frost. <b>Fruit:</b> A capsule. Persists through winter.
<b>Culture:</b>	'Pocomoke' is adaptable to the same cultural conditions as other crapemyrtle hybrid cultivars. Flowers and grows best in full sun in a heavy loam soil with a pH of 5.0–6.5.
<b>Propagation:</b>	Roots easily from softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings taken before flowering. Rooting occurs in 4 weeks under mist, 1000 ppm IBA.
<b>Landscape Use:</b>	Small foundation or border plant, mass planting in beds, specimen in rock gardens or terraces, container plant, bonsai.
<b>Availability:</b>	Stock plants and rooted cuttings were distributed to wholesale nurseries in 1997 and 1999. Available in retail nurseries in 2000–2001.

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