

Coming Attraction:



New Tightwad 2.0®

Crapemyrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica*

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Nine-year-old plant, not yet flowering.



11-year-old, flowering during extreme drought in full sun.

Features

- Heavy blooming with red flowers
- Sterile/no seeds
- Dwarf growth habit
- No observed deer damage
- No observed disease or insect damage
- Very dense branching and foliage with no pruning

History

Two dwarf seedlings were noted among the seeds of one unusual parent in 1986. Seeds from that parent continued to yield more compact dwarf seedlings. By 2025, over 100 dwarf seedlings had been accumulated in one area. New Tightwad 2.0 put on a show in 2025. Experience has shown that once the maturity point is reached, flowering will continue.