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1-2 inches long and nearly stalkless, the simple leaves grow opposite each other along the stem. The edges are plain and untoothed, and the leaves turn a rusty red in the fall.

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A most conspicuous bush in late summer, it blooms from mid-July through September with large clusters of white, pink, red or purple flowers. The petals of each flower are characteristically crinkled, and the flowers are clustered on stems for 4-9 inches.

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A dense bush from 6-25 feet high it is often crowded with branches both springing from the base and growing from below last year's trim height. The bark will peel revealing various colors of inner bark.

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Thanks to Dr. John Creech the Crape Myrtle was adopted by the National Arboretum in Washington DC and, as a result, we enjoy many cultivars from low bushes, to dense hedge varieties, to small trees.

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