Crapemyrtle

Today on Gardening in a Minute: the crapemyrtle.

The crapemyrtle is ideal for north and central Florida landscapes due to its heat- and drought-tolerance and prolific summer blooming.

Crapemyrtles flower as early as May and can bloom into the fall. Flower clusters develop on new growth and are composed of hundreds of blossoms in shades of purple, white, pink, or red.

Crapemyrtles are versatile plants that love the sun. They’re most commonly grown as small trees, but dwarf and other varieties are available.

You can prune your crapemyrtle in the winter to shape it or to encourage larger blooms. Be gentle with your crapemyrtle, and avoid removing large limbs.

Even during the cool months when your crapemyrtle is bare, it still adds interest to the landscape with smooth, beautiful bark.

For more information about crapemyrtles and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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