Pride Of India

Lagerstroemia speciosa(L.) Pers.

Code: TREE-00010 **Category:** Trees **Local / Vernacular name:** Kannada: □□□□□□□□□□ Hole daasavaala,

Botanical Details

Family : Lythraceae

Characteristic Features:

Habit : A small tree.

Leaves : Opposite, oblong, lanceolate or elliptic, subacute, base acute or rounded, coriaceous.

Flowers : purple-violet, very beautiful, in large panicles of many flowers, pedicels stout, hairy.Calyx tubular, hairs white, ribbed with12-14 stout ridges.Petals 6, purple, roundovate, clawed, much wavy and crumpled, spreading.Stamens many, purple, inserted near the bottom of the calyx-tube much exserted.Ovary 3-6 celled, superior, sessile, ovules many, placenta axile, style long bent, stigma capitate.

Fruit : Capsules with loculicdal dehiscence, seeds many, winged at apex.

Flowering and Fruiting Time : April - July

Significance :

- Test tube plant, developed by John Paily
- Dr Kupper's Biotech Unit, Laboratort of Applied Biology