



*Lagerstroemia reginae* Roxb., (Pride of India), a beautiful-looking tree that grows in almost all parts of India and bears light purple flowers in large bunches in late summer – or early rainy season. It is largely cultivated as an ornamental tree. The wood, which is extremely hard, is used for making such articles as ploughs and boats. Woody capsular fruits that occur in bunches are used for interior decoration. The powdered leaf of a related species forms the cosmetic, henna (Mehndi).