



Topic: Crepe Myrtle Leaf Loss

Question: All my crape myrtle leaves on my tree are dark brown on the edges. Other than that the tree seems healthy. Even in bloom the leaves had a brown tint.

- Roger, email

Answer: Crape myrtle is a deciduous tree so leaf senescence at this time of the year is normal. In a few weeks, all crape myrtle trees and shrubs should be leafless. Bronze leaves are a phenomenon of new leaf emergence in late spring and summer. The leaf color changes to a medium green as it matures. In the fall, leaves turn reddish, red-orange or yellow and with various symptoms of decline including brown edges.

Useful Links

[Crape Myrtle Fact Sheet](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg266) <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg266>

[Small Trees Fact Sheet](#)

[Stephen's Webpage](#)

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