Purple Prince Fringeflower

Loropetalum chinense 'Purple Prince'



Purple Prince Fringeflower foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Chinese Fringe Flower, Chinese Witch Hazel

Description:

One of the finest shrubs out there, with fine rich magenta-pink strap-like flowers literally smothering the plant, foliage is a stunning deep purple that is sure to please; a well-behaved shrub for groundcover or garden

Ornamental Features

Purple Prince Fringeflower is draped in stunning fragrant fuchsia strap-like flowers along the branches in mid spring. It has attractive purple evergreen foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain purple throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Prince Fringeflower is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple Prince Fringeflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Purple Prince Fringeflower will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.