Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower

Loropetalum chinense 'Purple Majesty'



Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Chinese Fringe Flower, Chinese Witch Hazel

Description:

One of the showier blooming shrubs available, with rich fuchsia strap-like flowers literally smothering the plant; new leaves are dark burgundy, maturing to a brilliant purple; a well-behaved shrub for general garden use

Ornamental Features

Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower is bathed in stunning fragrant fuchsia strap-like flowers along the branches from late winter to late fall. It has attractive purple-variegated burgundy foliage with hints of black which emerges brick red in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain burgundy throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast 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.