Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower

Loropetalum chinense 'Carolina Midnight'



Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

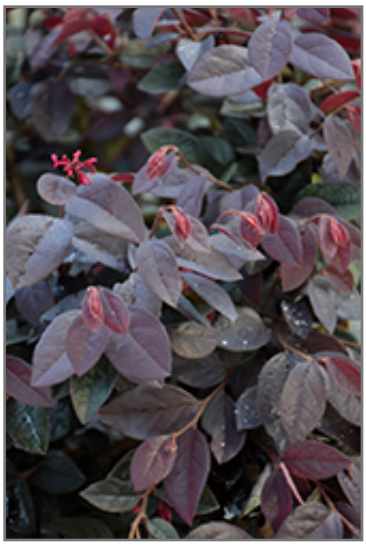
Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Chinese Fringe Flower, Chinese Witch Hazel

Description:

A very showy, spring-blooming shrub, with fine, rich magenta-pink, strap-like flowers literally smothering the plant; new leaves are rich burgundy and have a purplish-red cast all season; a well-behaved shrub, perfect as a screen or hedge



Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower foliage
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Ornamental Features

Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower is bathed in stunning fragrant fuchsia strap-like flowers along the branches from early to mid spring. It has attractive burgundy-tipped dark green foliage with hints of deep purple which emerges burgundy in spring. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Carolina Midnight 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.

Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Carolina Midnight Chinese Fringeflower will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.