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Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower



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Loropetalum chinense 'Purple Majesty'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

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



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

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. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge brick red in spring, turning burgundy in colour with showy purple variegation and tinges of black the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Majesty Red Chinese Fringeflower is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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 leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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This plant 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 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.