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## **Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower**

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# Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower

Loropetalum chinense 'Shidare'

Height: 7 feet Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: O •

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Chinese Fringe Flower, Chinese Witch

Hazel

#### **Description:**

A delightful spring-blooming shrub with creamy white strap-like flowers literally smothering the plant; fine green foliage and a graceful weeping habit give interest for the rest of the year; an easy to grow and well-behaved shrub for general garden use

#### **Ornamental Features**

Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower is covered in stunning fragrant creamy white strap-like flowers along the branches in early spring. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning dark green in colour the rest of the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with a rounded form and gracefully weeping foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.



Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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.

Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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### **Planting & Growing**

Shidare Weeping Chinese Fringeflower will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. 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.

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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.