



A Colorful Shrub to Add “Wow Factor”

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Loropetalum chinense var. *rubrum*

When designing a landscape, it is important to have a plant pallet with a variety of colors and seasonal interest. Therefore, the Loropetalum is a “go to” plant for the southern landscape. The Loropetalum, also known as the Chinese fringe flower, is an evergreen shrub featuring masses of vibrant blossoms, both purple and white. The flowers are not only stunning but also offer a pleasant fragrance.

The Loropetalum typically has maroon, purple, burgundy, or purplish black leaves providing great contrast among green and yellow-

ish colored shrubs. The leaves are oval and glossy and are also available in a green leaf form. Often the new growth of the plants emerges green but will darken as it matures. The flowers appear in March or April and are 1 to 1 ½ inches long. It is also worthy to note that the plant is considered nontoxic to animals and is recommended as a safe choice for pet owners.

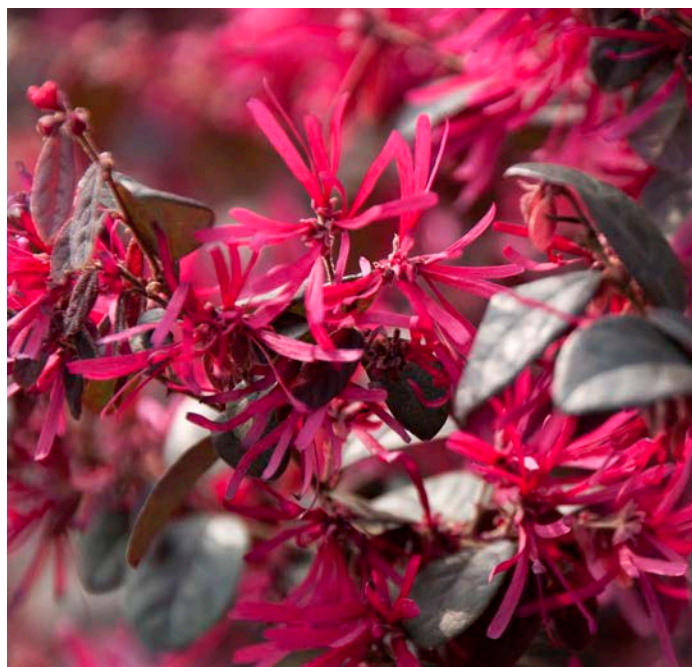
A non-native plant, the Loropetalum is well-adapted to the southern region of the United States. It is cold hardy in USDA zones 7–10. This versatile plant requires mini-

mal maintenance can be used as a foundation plant, hedge, grouping, screen, specimen, or espalier. They prefer full sun to partial shade and moist, organic, well-drained soil and will tolerate clay. Installing mulch around the roots and a spring application of slow-release fertilizer has been proven beneficial. The Loropetalum is very drought tolerant once established and has few serious pest or disease problems.

The Loropetalum chinense is offered in several cultivars:

Pink Flowering Forms:

- Crimson Fire – deep dark purple foliage, 4-feet tall and wide.
- Daruma – deep plum purple foliage, 5-feet tall and wide.
- Ever Red – dark burgundy foliage, reddest flowers, 5-feet tall and wide.
- Purple Daydream – dark purple foliage, 3-feet tall and wide.
- Purple Diamond – intense, deep purple foliage, 5-feet tall and wide.
- Purple Pixie – intense, deep purple foliage, hot pink blooms, 2-feet tall, 5-feet wide, frequently used as a groundcover, container plant, or cascading over a wall.
- Red Diamond – dark burgundy foliage, 6-feet tall and wide, red flowers.
- Ruby – reddish burgundy to hunter green foliage, 5-feet tall and wide.
- ‘Zhuzhou Fuchsia’ – blackish maroon foliage, can be pruned in tree form or espalier, 20-feet tall, the coldest hardy of the pink-flowering forms.



Purple Diamond Loropetalum

White-Flowering Forms:

- Carolina Moonlight – prolific bloomer from late winter to early spring, 4-feet tall and wide.
- Snow Muffin – light green to dark olive-green foliage, 3-feet tall and wide.
- Emerald Snow – lime green to green foliage, 4-feet tall and wide. 🍃



Emerald Snow Loropetalum



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