

Loropetalum Plum

loropetalum chinensis 'Plum'



Loropetalum Plum potted

Loropetalum Plum or otherwise known as Plum Delight, is a great, midsized shrub. Distinctive plum colored foliage and pink fringy flowers make this shrub stand out. But what makes the Loropetalum a favorite of gardeners and landscape designers is not only its unique visual elements, but also that it is a tough plant with very little pests and it is easy to grow and maintain.

This partial evergreen shrub prefers moist but well-drained soil, but it is very adaptable to less than ideal conditions. It has a fast growth rate so in order to keep it shaped or in a hedge, it needs to be pruned often. Loropetalum grows best in full sun to partial shade. It needs the sun to maintain its dark foliage, a full and dense shape, and bloom well.

For years, Ruby Loropetalum had been the Loropetalum cultivar of choice and was recognized as a fairly low maintenance landscape plant with very little insect or disease problems. However, recently, there have been increasing reports and complaints of unexplained decline on Ruby Loropetalum, especially in central Florida. The Plum cultivar has been a recommendation in place of the Ruby. Plum is less susceptible to leaf blight and also has a skinnier leaf, darker foliage and smaller, darker flowers.



Loropetalum Plum leaves



Loropetalum Plum flowers

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Loropetalum Plum in the landscape

Common Names:

Plum Delight, Fringe
Flower, Chinese
Witchhaze

Native Origin :

China, Japan and the
Himalayas

Environment:

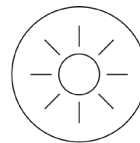
Soil: slightly alkaline,
acidic, clay, loam, or
sand
Sand: low
Exposure: full sun to
partial shade

Description:

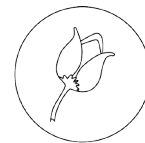
Hardy Range: 7 - 10
Mature Height: 6 -8'
Mature Spread: 6 - 8'
Growth Rate: moderate
to fast
Growth Habit: upright

Ornamental Characteristics:

Loropetalum Plum maintains its distinctive reddish-purple foliage year around, though it is known to drop some of its leaves in winter. New growth has a bold pink shade, which will deepen to the namesake plum hue as it reaches maturity. Throughout the year, the Loropetalum will produce vibrant pink flowers with long, soft, fringe-like petals.



Full Sun



Flowering



Evergreen