

Purple Pixie Loropetalum

Loropetalum chinense 'Purple Pixie'

Plant Description:

Loropetalum, also known as Chinese Fringe Bush, is often seen in landscapes as a large shrub. 'Purple Pixie' is a dwarf cultivar with a unique weeping habit. This shrub has showy pink flowers that resemble ribbons or fringe in spring, but the deep burgundy evergreen foliage gives it year-round interest. Use it to add vibrant color to landscapes or containers.

Mature Size: 1-2 feet tall, 4-5 feet wide

Growth Rate: Moderate to Fast

Plant Habit: Mounding/Spreading/Weeping

Plant Spacing: 4-5 feet

Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

Foliage Color: Burgundy/purple

Flower Color: Magenta-Pink

Bloom Time: Spring

Attracts Wildlife: N/A

Uses: Groundcover, mass planting, accent, containers





Growing Requirements:

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 7-10

Exposure: Full Sun - Partial Shade

Water Needs: Low

Soil Tolerances: Moderately Drought Tolerant

Soil pH: Acidic to Slightly Alkaline

Maintenance: Easy/Low

General Care & Growing Tips:

Loropetalum grows best if planted in a spot that receives full sun or light shade, and well-drained soil. Once established, it will tolerate drought. 'Purple Pixie' grows quickly and needs little pruning. Prune to shape as needed after blooming. Apply a balanced, slow-release fertilizer in early spring as needed.

Common Pests:

No insects or diseases are of major concern but plants are sometimes bothered by mites, nematodes, and root rot.

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