**Loropetalm chinese ‘Garnet Fire’**

- **Use:** Named for the brilliant, deep red gemstone, it is an ideally-sized evergreen shrub due to its outstanding, shiny, dark burgundy foliage. Colorful deep maroon-red leaves persist throughout the year, and adds a blaze of color to the winter landscape. Use as a specimen or accent plant, in the border, in front of the foundation plantings, as a container plant, for massing or as a screen. It is striking when planted next to pastel flowers, or beside yellow- or silvery-blue foliage that emphasize the burgundy foliage. A tough plant that tolerates heat, humidity, deer, rabbits and slopes.

- **Exposure/Soil:** Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Full–part sun.

- **Growth:** It matures at 4 to 5 feet tall and wide.

- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-11, Shrub

- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Burgundy foliage.

- **Flower:** hundreds of garnet-red, tassel-like flowers with narrow, fringe-like petals envelop the plant in late winter through spring. Individual flowers persist for weeks and the plant is in bloom for months, beginning with sporadic flowering in fall. Honey bees appreciate the early pollen source and the flowers attract butterflies.

Deer resistant and easy to grow!

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