

Darkfire Chinese Fringe Flower Tree



Ideal for use as a specimen, in spaced groupings, or two can be used to frame an entrance. Its low water needs make it a good candidate for use in Xeriscape plantings. The dark plum-colored foliage contrasts nicely with plants that have yellow, light green, grey, or other light-colored foliage or flowers. It is a fine addition to purple theme gardens, bird gardens, topiary gardens, and the Xeriscape.

Loropetalum chinense 'Darkfire'

- **Use:** The handsome, deep plum-colored foliage is a beautiful contrast and background for the red fringe-like flowers produced in abundance during late winter and early spring and sporadically in fall. With a height of 8 to 10 feet tall, including the trunk, and the canopy 5 to 6 feet wide, this handsome tree makes for an outstanding focal point specimen or two that can frame an entrance.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Full– part sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing to 8-10 ft. tall and 5-6 ft. wide, but can be kept smaller.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-10b; Small Tree
- **Foliage:** Soft fuzzy leaves. Cutting grown.
- **Flower:** Unusual clusters of pink, fringe flowers bloom year round. Heaviest flowering in spring, repeating throughout the year.