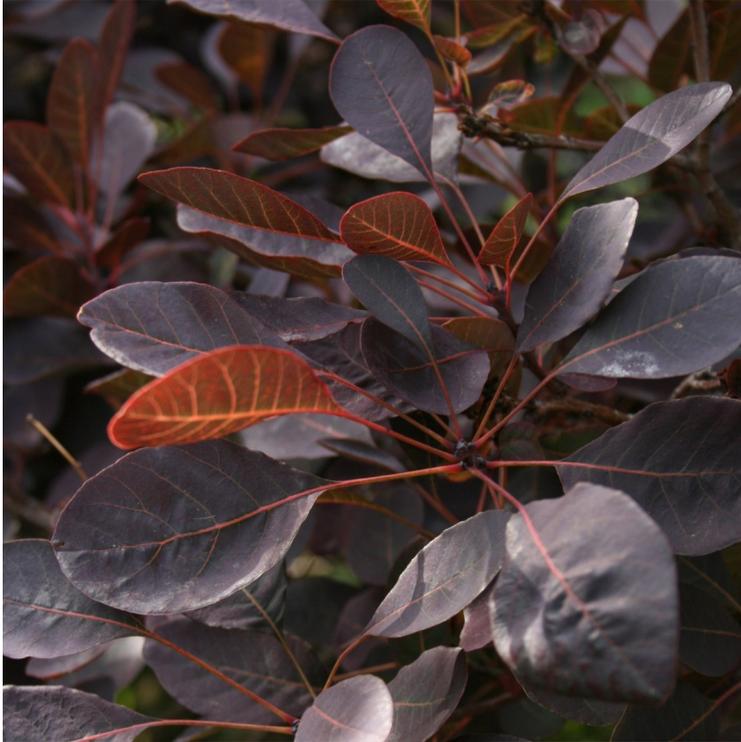


Royal Purple Smoke Tree



Dark foliage, smoky blooms, and warm fall colors make this an excellent addition to the garden. Plant it with other shrubs to accentuate its colors or use it as an informal specimen.



Cotinus coggygia 'Royal Purple'

- **Use:** Royal Purple foliage emerges a rich maroon red in spring, and then gradually matures to dark purplish-red to purplish-black in summer. Foliage retains good color without much fading throughout the growing season. Single specimen, group or mass in shrub borders or sunny areas around the home. Long-lasting summer smoke display makes this a striking accent plant. Also may be used as an informal hedge or screen (a smoke screen as it were). Beloved by kids.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part sun. Drought tolerant once established. Needs at least 6 hours afternoon sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 15 ft. tall, 10 to 12 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8, Large shrub/ Small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Reddish leaves emerging in spring (to 3" long) are ovate to obovate and mid summer a dark purple to black.. Fall color is highly variable, but at its best produces attractive shades of yellow, orange, and purplish-red.
- **Flower:** It gets its common name of smoketree/bush not from the tiny, insignificant, yellowish flowers which appear in branching, terminal panicles (to 6-8" long) in spring, but from the billowy hairs (attached to elongated stalks on the spent flower clusters) which turn a smoky pink to purplish pink in summer, thus covering the tree with fluffy, hazy, smoke-like puffs throughout summer.

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