

Purple Smoke Tree



Cotinus coggygria

- **Use:** 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:** Fast grower to 10 to 15 feet tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8, Large shrub/ Small tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Bluish green leaves (to 3” long) are ovate to obovate. 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.

Low maintenance and drought tolerant!

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