

CHINESE FRINGE FLOWER

LOROPETALUM CHINENSE 'RUBRUM'

COLORFUL YEAR ROUND, CHINESE FRINGE FLOWER IS A MEDIUM LARGE SHRUB RELATED TO WITCH HAZEL AND IN FACT SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS CHINESE WITCH HAZEL. THE RESEMBLANCE IS IN THE RIBBON-LIKE BLOSSOMS THAT DANGLE PROVOCATIVELY FROM BENEATH THE BRANCHES. IN THE CASE OF 'RUBRUM', THOSE BLOOMS ARE A VIBRANT MAGENTA COUPLED WITH THE PLUM PURPLE OF THE EVERGREEN FOLIAGE. WELL PLACED WHERE IT RECEIVES MORNING SUN AND AFTERNOON SHADE, IT IS ENTIRELY GRACEFUL, WITH SOFTLY WEEPING LIMBS THAT EVENTUALLY MOUND TO 6-8' HIGH AND WIDE. THIS SELECTED VARIETY STAYS QUITE PURPLE THROUGH THE SUMMER, WITH LITTLE TO NO SIGNS OF GREENING IN THE WARM WEATHER. DROUGHT-TOLERANT ONCE ESTABLISHED. GROW IN SLIGHTLY ACIDIC SOIL WITH REASONABLE DRAINAGE.



BEST IN PARTIAL SHADE

ZONES 7-10