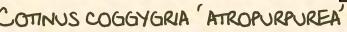
PURPLE SMOKETREE COTINUS COGGYGRIA 'ATROPURPUREA'





A MULTI-STEMMED SMALL TREE OR LARGE SHRUB, PURPLE SMOKE TREE HAS ALL THE DARK-LEAVED DRAMA OF A RED BARBERRY (MINUSTHE THORNS) BUT ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE. REACHING 12-15 HIGH AND WIDE, TIS BOTH DROUGHT AND HEAT-TOLERANT, AND DOES JUST FINE AND EVEN THRNES IN POOR, ROCKY SOIL WITH VERY LITTLE SUMMER IRRIGATION. THE UNIQUETEXTURE OF THIS SPECIMEN PLANTIS A NATURAL FOCAL POINT, BUT THE SMOKE (TINY PINKISH BLOSSOMS SO FINE AND NUMEROUS THAT THEY RESEMBLE PUFFS OF SMOKE) IS A SHOW STEALER WHEN IT APPEARS IN LATE SPRING, ESPECIALLY WHERE IT IS BACKLIT BY THE SETTING SUN. FALL COLORIS NICE, TOO, WITH ORANGES, REDS, AND YELLOWS. OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS!) RESISTANT TO DEER BROWSING, BUT PROTECT YOUNG PLANTS WHERE DEER ARE NUMEROUS TO HELP GETTHEM ESTABLISHED.

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