



**Royal Purple Smokebush**  
*Cotinus coggygria 'Royal Purple'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

A popular colour accent plant, featuring velvety dark purple leaves, turning to red in fall; flowers have a fuzzy, smoky appearance throughout summer; requires a sheltered location; consistent winter die back is to be expected in the Edmonton area

**Ornamental Features**

Royal Purple Smokebush features airy panicles of yellow flowers with fuchsia stalks at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage. The round leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Royal Purple Smokebush is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



*Royal Purple Smokebush in bloom*  
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Royal Purple Smokebush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Royal Purple Smokebush will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.



*Royal Purple Smokebush flowers  
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