



## Leycesteria formosa 'Purple Rain'



Высота	2 m
Ширина	1-2m
Крона	round
Кора и ветви	twigs blue-green, bark grey, slightly flaking
Лист	ovoid, tip tapering, 5-15 cm, mid-green
Цветы	creamy white to pinkish white, in pendent racemes with purplish-red bracts, August-September
Плоды	berry-shapped, shiny black purple
Колючки/шипы	None
Ядовитость	неядовитый, обычно
Вид почвы	few soil requirements
Мощение	неустойчив к мощению
Зона зимостойкости	7a (-17,7 до -15,0 °C)
Устойчивость к ветру	moderate, no cold or drying wind
Дерево-среда обитания для животных	дерево-источник питания для птиц
Применение	сады на крыше, побережье, небольшие сады, сады в патио
Происхождение	U.S. National Arboretum, Washington D.C., USA, 1995

'Purple Rain' forms a bushy, bulbous shrub to about 2 m in height, growing with many branches from the base. The annual twigs are beautifully frosted blue-green. The older bark is grey and flakes slightly when older. The young twigs are hollow and therefore not very strong. Annual twigs in particular can freeze considerably if frost sets in early in the winter. As the plant will then start growing again from the base, a slightly tousled, bushy shrub is created. So plant 'Purple Rain' preferably in a sheltered place. The plant tolerates heat well, but not drought.

The opposite leaves have a graceful, long, pointed tip. The axillary pendulous flower clusters appear in the second half of summer. These are distinguished by purple-red bracts, between which cream to pinkish-white bell-shaped flowers appear. When the flowers have finished flowering, they are followed by green berries, which turn blackish purple via brown. The purplish-red bracts remain all the time, forming a beautiful whole.

With the species name *formosa*, one might think of Taiwan (formerly *Formosa*). However, this is not the case. *Formosa* means "beautiful". If the plant were named after Taiwan, it would have been called "*formosana*".