



U.S. National Arboretum Plant Introduction
Loropetalum chinense 'Snow Panda'



Botanical Name:

Loropetalum chinense 'Snow Panda'
(NA75507; PI660659)

Hardiness:

USDA Zones 7-9.

Development:

'Snow Panda' originated from seeds collected near Yan Chi He, Hubei, China in 1994 as part of the North America-China Plant Exploration Consortium (NACPEC, collection number WD121). It was selected in 2006 in cooperation with Monrovia Growers in Visalia, CA and propagated for further evaluation.

Significance:

'Snow Panda' was selected for its abundant white fringe-like flowers, medium-green foliage, and loosely vase-shaped habit.

Description:

Height and width: 10 feet high and 8.5 feet wide in 15 years in Washington, DC.

Habit: Evergreen, loosely vase-shaped with arching branches.

Foliage: Leathery, medium green; rounded 2-4 cm long by 1-2 cm wide.

Flowers: Four white strap-like petals on each flower, with 5-8 flowers in a cluster.

Propagation:

Softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings dipped in 1000-3000 ppm IBA will root readily under mist in 4-6 weeks. Cuttings can be placed directly into liner-sized pots.

Landscape Use:

Sheared evergreen hedge or screen, foundation plant, mass planting, container plant, or espalier.

Availability:

Monrovia Growers, 18331 E. Foothill Blvd., Azusa, CA 91702; or contact Margaret Pooler, U.S. National Arboretum, 10300 Baltimore Ave., Bldg. 010A, Beltsville, MD 20705, Margaret.Pooler@ars.usda.gov