

Eastern Redbud

Cercis canadensis

Eastern redbud has an irregular growth habit when young but forms a graceful flat-topped vase-shape as it gets older. The tree usually branches low on the trunk and if left intact forms a graceful multi-trunked habit. Splendid purple-pink flowers appear all over the tree in spring just before the leaves emerge. Trees are short-lived but provide a wonderful show in the spring and fall. Yellow fall color and tolerance to partial shade make this a suitable, attractive tree for understory or specimen planting. Include in a shrub border for a spring and fall color display. Best growth occurs in a light, rich, moist soil but eastern redbud adapts well to a variety of soil including sandy or alkaline. Trees look better when they receive some irrigation in summer dry spells. Its native habitat ranges from stream bank to dry ridge demonstrating its adaptability.

Type: deciduous small tree

USDA hardiness zones: 4b through 9a

Uses: lawn tree; deck or patio; shade; specimen; reclamation

Origin: native to the eastern United States

Height: 20 to 30 feet **Spread:** 15 to 25 feet

Light requirement: full sun, part sun or part shade

Soil tolerances: clay; sand; loam; alkaline; acidic; occasionally wet; well-drained

Drought tolerance: high

Aerosol salt tolerance: none

Verticillium wilt susceptibility: susceptible

Pest resistance: low resistance to pests/diseases

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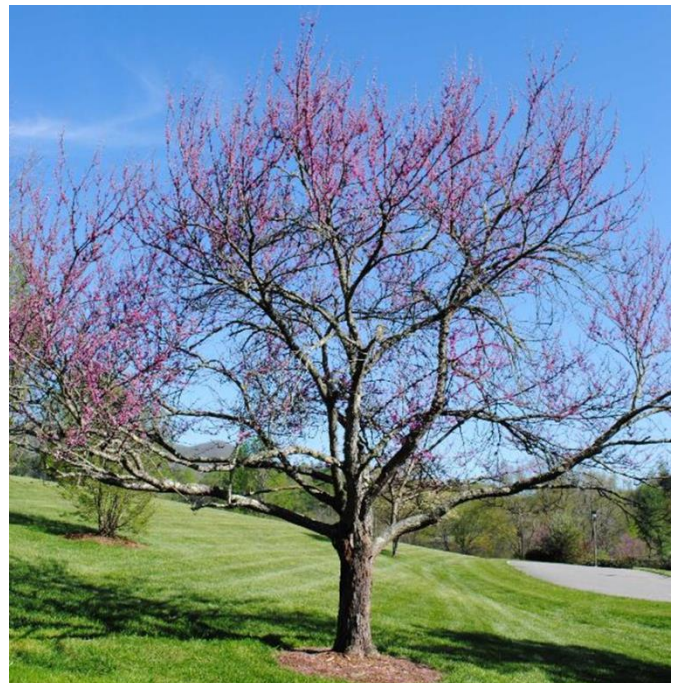


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