

Eastern Redbud – Beautiful spring bloom

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Cercis canadensis is commonly known as the Eastern Redbud tree. It is a small single or multi-stemmed deciduous, ornamental understory tree. The tree grows 20 to 30 feet tall and 20 to 35 feet wide.



Eastern Redbud (Cercis Canadensis). Photo by Keith Williamson, Little Valley Wholesale Nursery

The tree flowers from March to May with magenta pink flowers appearing before the leaves. Flowers appear along the branches and sometimes on the trunks of older trees. Leaves measure 3 to 5 inches and are usually heart shaped. The seed pods look like a small pea pod, about 2 to 4 inches long. Eastern Redbud trees are best planted in the spring to give them time to re-establish. They like moist soil conditions, so it is crucial to water monthly in the winter.

This tree is native to eastern North America and grows wild as an understory tree. Flowers are pollinated by long-tongued bees such as the blueberry bee and the carpenter bee. Spider mites and scale may become a problem, but can be treated with the proper insecticides.

Other species in this family are Mexican Redbud (Cercis mexicana), California Redbud (Cercis occidentalis), Oklahoma Redbud (Cercis reniformis), and Texas Redbud (Cercis texensis).

Consult your local retail nursery professional to verify these plants are right for your yard.

Eastern Redbud trees are very beautiful in the spring. When in bloom are very stunning trees, and are great for smaller landscapes or under power lines. The heart shaped leaves and the shape of the tree are great attributes to the landscape. Along a city greenbelt or in the front yard of a personal residence, this tree is a great addition to any landscape.

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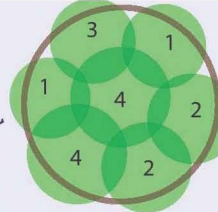


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