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Northern Herald® Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'Pink Trim'



Northern Herald Redbud flowers
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Eastern Redbud, Judas Tree, Love Tree

Description:

An extremely cold hardy selection: bright magenta-pink flowers are held tightly on bare branches in early spring; dark green, leathery leaves are heat resistant and wind tolerant; yellow fall color; a great small ornamental tree for specimen use

Ornamental Features

Northern Herald Redbud has hot pink pea-like flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding buttery yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Northern Herald Redbud is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Northern Herald Redbud is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Northern Herald Redbud will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.