

## Redbud

*Cercis Canadensis*



**Description:** Small tree usually less than 30 feet tall, less than 1 foot diameter with a broad, spreading crown often with multiple trunks. Beautiful pink-red flowers in spring. Leaves heart-shaped with smooth edges

**Leaves:** alternate, simple, formed singly on long to 4 in leaf stocks. Leaf stem is enlarged and fleshy for 1/4 in where it joins the blade. Blades broad, heart-shaped to 5 in Long, edges smooth, Dull point at tip, both surfaces smooth at maturity. Bright yellow in fall

**Bark:** dark gray, thin, becoming scaly with age, under bark red-brown in fissures

**Flowers:** P shaped 2 1/2 inch long, bisexual flowers, which appear in clusters before leaving in April / May, which are rose pink to purple-red

**Fruits:** fruit flattened, 32 several seeded pods to 3 in long, 1/2 in wide brown when ripe in August. Seeds flattened, small to 1/4 inch, brown, very hard

**Habitat/Range:** rich, moist woods, roadsides, and woodland borders. Widely planted as a showy, much loved ornamental; found throughout Indiana.