



2025 Native Woody of the Year



Cercis canadensis Eastern redbud

Pink flowers cover the branches of this deciduous tree before leaves appear, providing a stunning spring display. Picturesque as a specimen or in a grouping along a woodland edge.

- Hardiness:** Zones 4–8
Light: Sun to part shade
Soil: Moist to average
Size: 15–30' tall
Foliage: Green heart-shaped leaves turn red-purple in fall
Flowers: Pink flowers cover the branches
Fruit: Bean-like pods
Bloom Time: April
Wildlife Value: Of special value to native bees. Birds and mammals feast on the flowers and seeds.



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