

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)



The Redbud tree has a short trunk, rounded crown of spreading branches, and pink flowers that cover the twigs in spring. Redbud can grow up to 30' tall and has a wide, umbrella-like crown. Its pink flowers, borne in tight clusters along the stems and branches before new leaves appear, create a showy spring display. Smooth, heart-shaped, deciduous foliage does not have significant fall color. Trees from the southern part of the species' range have smaller, glossier leaves and often a more compact form.

The Genus name comes from the Greek word *kerkis* meaning "weaver's shuttle" in reference to the resemblance of the seed pod. Canker disease can become a problem with the Redbud trees, as well as insect pests such as Japanese beetles, leaf hoppers, and webworms.

This is a very attractive and tough tree that makes for a good street tree here in New Albany.