



## Cercis siliquastrum 'Bodnant'



<b>Height</b>	5 - 8 m
<b>Width</b>	5-8m
<b>Crown</b>	round, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey, somewhat grooved when mature
<b>Leaf</b>	round to kidney-shaped, 4 - 9 cm, green
<b>Flowers</b>	deep purplish pink, in clusters, April/May
<b>Fruits</b>	brown, flat pods
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	calcareous sandy or loamy soil
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Bodnant Garden, Tal-y-Cafn, Wales, 1944

Large shrub to small tree with a broad, vase-shaped to round crown. The round to kidney-shaped leaves are mid-green. The flowers appear in compact clusters just before the leaves develop. They are a deep purplish pink and noticeably larger than typical for the species. Blossoms very profusely even when young. The pods persist all winter. Was planted as a seedling in Bodnant Garden in 1876. Because the blossom was so striking, the Royal Horticultural Society awarded the tree a First Class Certificate in 1944, after which it acquired the cultivar name 'Bodnant'. A warmth-loving tree that prefers a fertile, calcareous or loamy soil in full sun. Tolerates dry soil.