



Cercis canadensis



Height	6 - 8 (12) m
Width	6-8m
Crown	round to flat globular, half-open crown
Bark and branches	grey, later shallowly grooved
Leaf	wide heart-shaped, bright green, 8 - 14 cm
Flowers	light pink to pale red, in clusters, April/May, fragrant flowers
Fruits	brown, flat pods, to 8 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	calcareous sand or loam soils, not too wet
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	eastern and central North America

From a wide, spreading shrub *C. canadensis* grows into a nice, often multiple-stemmed solitary tree of average height. The bark is grey and shallowly grooved, when mature the bark can flake in small plates. The leaf is wide heart-shaped with a pointed or acuminate tip. The flowers appear before the leaf in compact clusters on the old twigs, branches and trunk. The flat pods persist all winter. It is a deep rooting tree with a coarse root system. Thrives best in a sheltered, sunny and fertile locations and is very hardy. The nice cultivar 'Forest Pansy' has a dark purple-red leaf.