



Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'



Height	6 - 9 m
Width	6-9m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	first-year branches purplish brown, bark grey-brown, smooth
Leaf	round, 7 - 12 cm, deep purplish red
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	light pink, in clusters, April/May
Fruits	brown, flat pods, to 8 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, moist but not wet, calcareous sandy or loamy soil
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	avenues and broad streets, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Forest Nursery, McMinnville, TN, USA, 1947

Grows from a rather irregular shrub into a small to medium size tree with a round crown. The first-year twigs are purplish brown, turning grey-brown later. The leaf is almost round with a broadly pointed tip and a heart-shaped base. It emerges in a conspicuously shiny purplish black colour. It later turns more matt and deep purplish red. The leaf only turns greener as night temperatures rise. The flowers often appear before the leaves develop. They are typical of *C. canadensis*: light pink and in small clusters. Prefers a loamy or fertile, moist but not too wet, calcareous soil in full sun. Splendid solitary tree.