



Cercis chinensis 'Avondale'



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| Height | 4 m |
| Width | 4-5m |
| Crown | broad vase-shaped, half-open crown |
| Bark and branches | first-year branches (dark) brown, bark grey |
| Leaf | round, 8 - 12 cm, glossy dark green |
| Autumn colour | yellow |
| Flowers | deep purplish pink, in clusters, April/May |
| Fruits | brown, flat pods |
| 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 |
| Soil moisture | suitable for dry soil |
| Paving | tolerates no paving |
| Winter hardiness zone | 6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C) |
| Wind resistance | moderate |
| Other resistances | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6) |
| Fauna tree | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant) |
| Application | small gardens, patio gardens |
| Shape | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem |
| Origin | Duncan & Davies Nurseries, New Plymouth, New Zealand, circa 1975 |

Large, usually multi-stemmed, shrub to small tree. The central leaderes and trunk grow fairly steeply, forming the broad, vase-shaped crown. The nearly round leaves are a glossy dark green, turning bright yellow in autumn. They feel rather thick and leathery. The flowers often appear before the leaves develop. They are a splendid, deep purplish pink and stand in compact clusters. 'Avondale' blossoms profusely even when young and stays small for the species. This warmth-loving tree prefers a loamy or fertile, moist but not too wet, calcareous soil in full sun.