

Northern Herald® Eastern Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'Pink Trim' (Family: *Fabaceae*)

Description: *Cercis canadensis* is a small deciduous tree known for its showy pink flowers in the spring. It is native to Eastern and Central North America.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 4-9

Natural Habitat: Eastern and Central North America.

Mature Size: Height: 20-30', Spread: 25-35'

Form (Shape): The trunk commonly splits close to the ground. It has a spreading habit with a flat or rounded top.

Growth Rate: Medium

Foliage: New leaves are a reddish purple, changing to a dark green as they mature. Fall color is yellow-green or yellow.

Texture: Medium to coarse.

Flowers: Flowers are an attractive pink to pinkish-purple, blooming in March to April. Flowers emerge before foliage.

Fruit: Produces a pea-like pod that is 2-3" long.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Moist, well-drained, deep soils. Tolerant of most soil types except for constantly moist soils. Adaptable to varying soil acidity.

Propagation: Seeds or grafting.

Failure Patterns: Considered a tender perennial in the Fargo-Moorhead area, failure can occur during extremely cold winters or if planted in an unsheltered space.

Disease and Insects: Susceptible to canker, leaf spot and *verticillium* wilt.

Landscape Use: An attractive accent or specimen plant in the garden, can be used in shady areas as it is found in the wild as an understory plant.

Availability: Readily available in retail nurseries.