

Cercis chinensis

(Chinese Redbud)

Cercis chinensis is a deciduous tree native to China. It can be a small tree or a large shrub. It has purple/pink flowers that give it a huge interest in flower season. Leaves are heart-shaped and turn yellow green in fall. It is a heat and drought tolerant plant. It can be used as container, border plant, and specimen. It can be used as street trees in residential areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Gainier de Chine
Pronunciation: SIR-sis chi-NEN-sis
Plant Type: Tree, Shrub
Origin: China
Heat Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Upright
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m, 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters, 3 to 5 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Reticualte

Leaf Persistance: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green, Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: No

Diseases: Generally disease free

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Generally pest free

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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