

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

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

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Flower Image

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**Botanical Description**

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**Fruit**

**Fruit Type:** Legume  
**Fruit Showiness:** True  
**Fruit Size Range:** 10 - 20  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Spring

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**Horticulture Management**

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**Tolerance**

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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**Requirements**

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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**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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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image