

Cercis siliquastrum

(Judas tree)

The most striking feature of this small tree is its crimsonpink spring blossoms—hence its Arabic name, Shajar Al Ourjouan. Judas tree is a bushy, deciduous small tree. Beautiful, spreading, multi-stemmed tree. Leaves are heart-shaped turning bronze to burgundy when young, turning yellow in the fall.. Flowers rosy-pink, pea-shaped, in clusters on the older wood. Fruit are long brown pod. Trees start blooming after five years. Although it is not tolerant to air pollution, the Redbud Tree has many useful attributes: it is drought tolerant, and it benefits poor and degraded soils, because it traps nitrogen from the air and incorporates it into the soil, enriching its fertility.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Arbre de Judée

Arabic Name: زمزريق أثيبي

Pronunciation: SER-sis sil-ee-KWAS-trum

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Eastern Mediterranean

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Specimen, Native to Lebanon

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Orbiculate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Winter

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

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

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

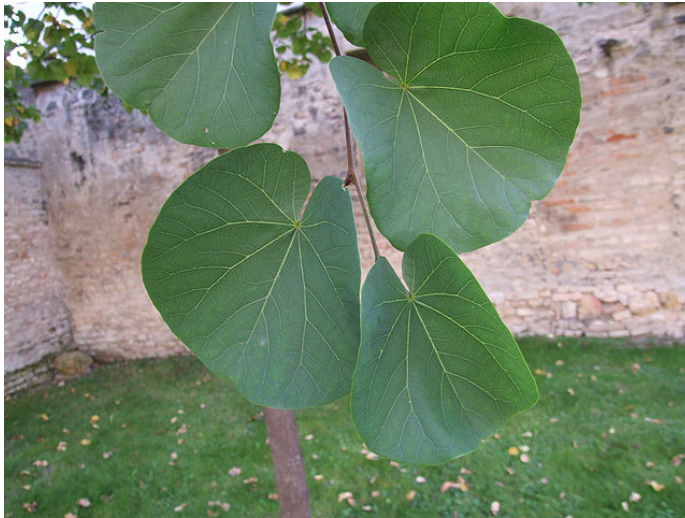
Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Winter

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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, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Wilts

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Whitefly

Plant Propagations: Seed

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