

## Cercis siliquastrum

### (Judas tree)

The most striking feature of this small tree is its crimson-pink 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

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**French Name:** Arbre de Judée

**Arabic Name:** زمزريق أثيبي

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

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**Plant Type:** Tree

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**Origin:** Eastern Mediterranean

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**Heat Zones:** 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9

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**Uses:** Specimen, Native to Lebanon

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#### 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

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## 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

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### 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

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

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

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Legume

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

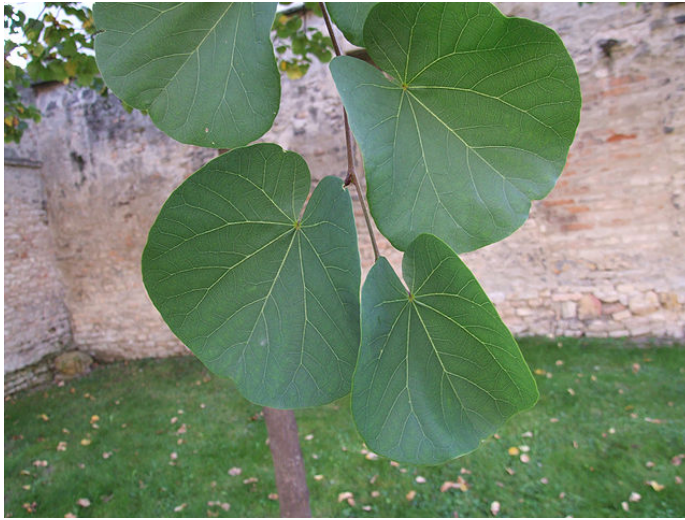
**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring, Winter

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## Horticulture Management

### 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, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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### Management

**Toxicity:** 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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Fruit Image



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