



## Cercis chinensis



<b>Height</b>	4 - 6 (15) m
<b>Width</b>	4-6m
<b>Crown</b>	broad vase-shaped, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	first-year branches (dark) brown, bark grey
<b>Leaf</b>	round, 8 - 13 cm, glossy green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	purplish pink to light purplish red, in clusters, April/May
<b>Fruits</b>	brown, flat pods
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	fertile, moist but not wet, calcareous sandy or loamy soil
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Central China

Medium-size to large tree in the wild, but usually a large, multi-stemmed shrub when cultivated. The trunks grow fairly steeply to form the broad, vase-shaped crown. The nearly round leaves are a glossy dark green, turning bright yellow in autumn. They feel rather thick and leathery. The flowers often appear before the leaves develop. They are purplish pink to light purplish red and stand in compact clusters. *C. chinensis* closely resembles *C. canadensis* but has thicker leaves that are always hairless, and has darker, large flowers. This warmth-loving tree prefers a loamy or fertile, moist but not too wet, calcareous soil in full sun.