



Cercis chinensis 'Avondale'



Height	4 m
Width	4-5m
Crown	broad vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	first-year branches (dark) brown, bark grey
Leaf	round, 8 - 12 cm, glossy dark green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	deep purplish pink, in clusters, April/May
Fruits	brown, flat pods
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, moist but not wet, calcareous sandy or loamy soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Duncan & Davies Nurseries, New Plymouth, New Zealand, circa 1975

Large, usually multi-stemmed, shrub to small tree. The central leaderes and trunk grow fairly steeply, forming 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 a splendid, deep purplish pink and stand in compact clusters. 'Avondale' blossoms profusely even when young and stays small for the species. This warmth-loving tree prefers a loamy or fertile, moist but not too wet, calcareous soil in full sun.