



## Cercis canadensis 'Merlot'



Height	6-10 m
Width	8-10m
Crown	round, fan shaped
Bark and branches	grey
Leaf	greenish purple, black purple
Autumn colour	yellow, orange
Flowers	pink, April/May
Fruits	brown, flat pods
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

This Cercis forms a large shrub to small tree with a round to fan-shaped crown. 'Merlot' can reach a height of 6-10 m and grow at least as wide. The large heart-shaped leaves are intensely glossy black-purple when unfurling and remain dark brown-purple, especially in the first half of summer. In the second half of summer, the leaves become more green-purple, slightly lighter than in 'Forest Pansy'. Around April-May, the bundles of dark pink flowers open, beautifully combining with the dark leaves.

'Merlot' arose from a cross between C. canadensis 'Forest Pansy' and 'Texas White' and grows slightly harder than 'Forest Pansy'. Best planted in nutrient-rich, preferably loamy or calcareous soil that is sufficiently moist but permeable. The tree is sensitive to stagnant water around the roots. Also, 'Merlot' is moderately wind resistant and cannot be used in paved areas. Plant preferably in full sun. Hardiness zone 4