



## Cercis canadensis



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| <b>Height</b>                | 6 - 8 (12) m                                                     |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 6-8m                                                             |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | round to flat globular, half-open crown                          |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | grey, later shallowly grooved                                    |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | wide heart-shaped, bright green, 8 - 14 cm                       |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | light pink to pale red, in clusters, April/May, fragrant flowers |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | brown, flat pods, to 8 cm long                                   |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                             |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock          |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | calcareous sand or loam soils, not too wet                       |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                              |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °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 butterflies          |
| <b>Application</b>           | small gardens                                                    |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem                                 |
| <b>Origin</b>                | eastern and central North America                                |

From a wide, spreading shrub *C. canadensis* grows into a nice, often multiple-stemmed solitary tree of average height. The bark is grey and shallowly grooved, when mature the bark can flake in small plates. The leaf is wide heart-shaped with a pointed or acuminate tip. The flowers appear before the leaf in compact clusters on the old twigs, branches and trunk. The flat pods persist all winter. It is a deep rooting tree with a coarse root system. Thrives best in a sheltered, sunny and fertile locations and is very hardy. The nice cultivar 'Forest Pansy' has a dark purple-leaf.