



## Cercis chinensis 'Avondale'



<b>Height</b>	4 m
<b>Width</b>	4-5m
<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 - 12 cm, glossy dark green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	deep purplish pink, 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>	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.