



## Cercis canadensis



<b>Height</b>	6 - 8 (12) m
<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>	parks, cemeteries, large gardens, 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-red leaf.