



Cercis chinensis



Height	4 - 6 (15) m
Crown	broad vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	first-year branches (dark) brown, bark grey
Leaf	round, 8 - 13 cm, glossy green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	purplish pink to light purplish red, 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	parks, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Central China

Medium-size to large tree in the wild, but usually a large, multi-stemmed shrub when cultivated. The trunks grow fairly steeply to form 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 purplish pink to light purplish red and stand in compact clusters. *C. chinensis* closely resembles *C. canadensis* but has thicker leaves that are always hairless, and has darker, large flowers. This warmth-loving tree prefers a loamy or fertile, moist but not too wet, calcareous soil in full sun.