



Cercis siliquastrum 'Bodnant'



Height	5 - 8 m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	grey, somewhat grooved when mature
Leaf	round to kidney-shaped, 4 - 9 cm, green
Flowers	deep purplish pink, in clusters, April/May
Fruits	brown, flat pods
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	calcareous sandy or loamy soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 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
Origin	Bodnant Garden, Tal-y-Cafn, Wales, 1944

Large shrub to small tree with a broad, vase-shaped to round crown. The round to kidney-shaped leaves are mid-green. The flowers appear in compact clusters just before the leaves develop. They are a deep purplish pink and noticeably larger than typical for the species. Blossoms very profusely even when young. The pods persist all winter. Was planted as a seedling in Bodnant Garden in 1876. Because the blossom was so striking, the Royal Horticultural Society awarded the tree a First Class Certificate in 1944, after which it acquired the cultivar name 'Bodnant'. A warmth-loving tree that prefers a fertile, calcareous or loamy soil in full sun. Tolerates dry soil.