

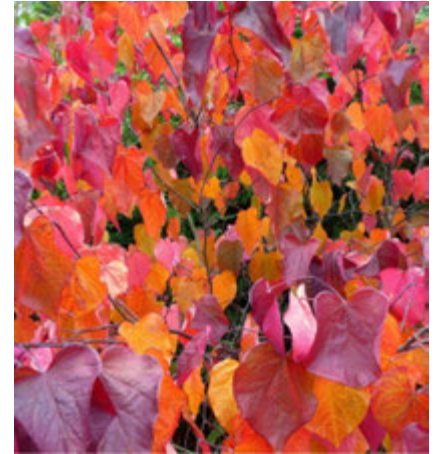
Forest Pansy Redbud (*cercis Canadensis* 'Forest Pansy')

Hardiness zones: 5-9
Height: 20-30 feet
Spread: 15-25 feet
Flower color: rosy pink
Fall color: reddish-purple and orange
Soil moisture: average
Soil type: wide range
Light: full sun to light shade
Growth rate: moderate
Shape: round; vase shape
Drought tolerance: high



Reddish-purple leaves of the Forest Pansy Redbud

The redbud has always been a popular tree throughout Missouri and the Forest Pansy variety will be no exception. It has an intense and unique foliage color (see left), darker flowers than the typical redbud and makes a wonderful urban landscape specimen that attracts songbirds. This fairly trouble free tree produces new leaves throughout the season and is adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions (see below).



The Forest Pansy offers the same intensity of color and beauty during the fall with splashes of orange, yellow and red.

In early spring, just before the redbuds leaf out, the Forest Pansy is covered with a dense, long-lasting abundance of bright purplish-pink blooms that are particularly attractive to butterflies (below right). As the blooms begin to fade, the leaves emerge providing a second wave of color. The heart-shaped leaves (below left) begin as a blood-red to purple color that transforms to a purple-tinged green in the summer and on to splashes of orange, yellow, red and purple in the autumn.



Showy leaf of the Forest Pansy Redbud



Redbud beans provide food for wild birds



Springs beautiful purplish-pink blooms

The Forest Pansy Redbud's bark is thin and can be easily damaged by mechanical impact. When located near a sidewalk or roadway, it requires pruning to provide clearance for vehicles and pedestrians. This particular tree is susceptible to certain pests and diseases and should be pruned to remove damaged branches. Leaf spots may also be a problem during wet weather.

Rapid growth quickly produces a graceful, vase-shaped specimen that thrives in full sun and a variety of soil types. It's a favorite of birds for the nesting habitat it provides as well as the food source found in the bean pods (above center). Its distinctive branching structure stands out in the winter landscape. This tree is a beautiful year round addition to any landscape.



Spring profusion of blooms