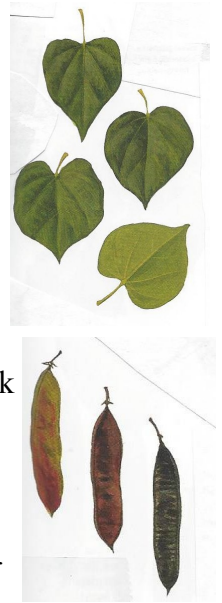


EASTERN REDBUD

Cercis Canadensis

Deciduous. Small tree usually less than 30 feet tall. Short trunk and rounded crown; renowned for its spectacular display of bright pink flowers in early spring before the leaves. The leaves alternate on the branch, and are 4" round to heart shaped, with smooth margins, hanging down. The emerging leaf is often distinctive golden green or reddish. The fall color is golden yellow. The flowers are small, purple-pink, pea-like, profuse along branches, the trunk, and thinner twigs. They appear in small clusters in early spring before the leaves. Flowering can occur as early as the fourth year. The fruit pods are 2-1½" long, flattened, green or red turning dark reddish-brown, mature in summer. The fruit pods may persist through winter, hanging in bunches from the branches. The pods contain 4-10 round flattened seeds. The twigs are dark reddish with many white lenticels. The leaf buds are inconspicuous. The flower buds are larger and clustered on older branchlets. The bark of young trunks is gray, developing orange furrows. The older trunk bark is brownish or black and fissured and scaly, sometimes with a reddish inner bark showing through in places.



There were three redbuds planted as part of the Arbor Day tree program in 2017. Two are on the rock wall inside the 16th Street entrance, with the third one next to the rock wall going east. Four additional Redbud trees were planted as part of the Arbor Day tree program in 2018. They are

located at the 16th Street entrance, down from and to the east of the first three, and along the neighboring fence line. The picture attached of the full grown tree in blossom was taken from the Arbor Day Foundation leaflet because the baby Redbuds need several years of growth before looking like a full grown tree.

