

Cercis canadensis
Eastern redbud



Summer Foliage



Spring Flowers



Fall Fruit/Seed

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous tree

Appearance:

Height - Up to 40 ft.

Aerial Spread - Up to 20 ft.

Flower Color - Purplish-pink

Flowering Period - Spring

Fruit/Seed Color - Brown

Fruiting Period - Fall

Habitat (Community): Moist soils of valleys and slopes and in hardwood forests

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative wetland; upland

Salinity - Freshwater

Non-tidal Regime - Dry to Moist Soils

Wildlife Benefits: (Flowers) food for a variety of butterflies; seeds are eaten by a variety of birds and mammals. The flowers can be eaten by humans as a salad, or fried.

Distribution: New Jersey south to central Florida, west to Texas, and north to Nebraska