

Northern Herald® Eastern Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'Pink Trim' (Family: *Fabaceae*)

Description: This dense, round-headed tree has proven to be winterhardy at this Northern Plains site for at least 40 years. Northern Herald® is characterized by quality pink flowers, including prolific production of flowers. Discovered in central South Dakota.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 4 to 8

Mature Size: Height: 20', Spread: 20'

Form (Shape): Rounded

Growth Rate: Medium

Foliage:

Summer: Dark green, leathery leaves

Autumn: Yellow

Texture: Medium

Flower: Pink

Fruit: Sparse

Light Preferences: Full sun to light shade

Soil Preferences: Soil adaptable even to alkaline soils. Not flood tolerant.

Propagation: Grafted

Ornamental Attributes: Prolific spring flower display before the high-quality bronze foliage emerges which will develop into a dark green for summer. This selection has very few fruits which typically make this tree look untidy.

Landscape Attributes: Winter hardiest of all the cultivars while still providing a “tree from” and not a “shrub” form”.

Comments: The thicker leaves provide heat resistance and wind tolerance. Tip dieback may occur after very harsh winters, primarily on new growth of juvenile plants. However, as trees age and produce less vigorous, more hardened growth, they tend to outgrow this problem. Avoid overwatering, and especially, fertilizing trees in summer and fall.

Availability: J. Frank Schmidt & Son Nursery (OR)

