Summer's Tower™ Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'JN7'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Eastern Redbud, Judas Tree, Love Tree

Description:

A spectacular spring-blooming accent tree with beautiful pinkish-lavender flowers in early spring; has an upright, tightly vase shaped habit; a vigorous grower that is adaptable to a variety of soil conditions



Summer's Tower Redbud flowers
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Ornamental Features

Summer's Tower Redbud has pink pea-like flowers with lavender overtones along the branches from early to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves turn yellow in fall.



Summer's Tower Redbud in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Summer's Tower Redbud is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an indistinguished habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Summer's Tower Redbud is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Summer's Tower Redbud will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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