

Mexican Redbud (Common Name)

Cercis mexicana (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 15' – 25' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 12" – 24"

Powerline Friendly: 15' – 25' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Simple, cordate, alternate, leathery, glossy green.

Flowers: Red flowers.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Low

Edible Fruit Producing: Yes

Allergenic: Low

BVOC Emissions: Low

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun to partial shade in thinner soils. Drought tolerant, may need infrequent watering. Prune to remove dead, damaged, or crossing branches. Care to not over prune.

Ecosystem Services: In Mexico, the flowers are eaten pickled in salads or fried. In the 19th century it was used to treat diarrhea, dysentery, and various ailments of the reproductive organs. In the 20th century, it was recommended for use as an astringent and to treat stomach irritation and diarrhea.