



CERCIS CANADENSIS V. MEXICANA MEXICAN REDBUD

The Mexican Redbud forms a small tree to about 15 feet in height and nearly as wide. As opposed to its Eastern cousin, this redbud is rather slow growing. The heart shaped leaves are dark green, with a thick, glossy almost leathery feel to them. Compared to the Eastern variety the leaves are smaller and have a wavy margin, presumably to allow them to be more water efficient. This plant develops suckers readily, often forming a short multi-stemmed tree. The small but showy purple to pink flowers are spectacular, appearing before or just as the foliage emerges in the spring. A member of the legume family, the flowers produce small brown bean-like pods. The petioles and branches have a distinctive dense wooly covering. Native to limestone soils of southern Texas and northern Mexico, this tough plant makes a terrific patio tree.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	18 – 25 feet x 15 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Purple to Pink
FLOWERING TIME	Early Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun; Afternoon Shade in Low Deserts
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	0° F ,USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Periodically prune out old stems



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