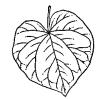
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The leaf is 3-5 inches and notably heart shaped, coming to a broad short point. It is glossy green

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in summer, and in autumn turns a bright yellow. A smooth-edged leaf, it has 5-9 main veins visible. Cercis canadensis

Eastern Redbud

"Judas-tree"

Cercis canadensis

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The most dramatic of flowering trees, the Redbud is an early spring bloomer, showing bright purplish-red pea-shaped flowers in clusters

along the twigs and small branches. Later the fruit develop: a long seeded pod which often hangs on the tree most of the winter.

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The bark is bright reddish brown, later developing

thin scales. The unpruned tree often has a bushy aspect like a shadbush, but the seed pods are an unmistakable identifier. Cercis canadensis

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Called the "Judas-tree", the Asian version of the Redbud is said to have its white blossoms turn red after Judas Iscariot hanged himself from its stout branches.

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