Redbud, Golden Falls

Cercis canadensis 'NC2015-12'



Redbud, Golden Falls
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Eastern Redbud, Judas Tree, Love Tree

Group/Class: Bloomables Collection

Description:

A spectacular and hardy spring bloomer, with very showy pink flowers held tightly on bare branches in early spring; orange tinged, yellow emerging foliage matures to gold and lime green. Protect from strong winds.



Redbud, Golden Falls flowers
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Ornamental Features

Redbud, Golden Falls has pink pea-like flowers along the branches from early to mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive lime green-variegated gold foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Redbud, Golden Falls is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Redbud, Golden Falls is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Redbud, Golden Falls will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 shrub 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rate (3): Redbuds produce a few to many flat bean pods, 2 to 3 inches long. The pods generally don't germinate so clean up for all debris can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. Redbuds need wind protection.