Redbud, Hearts of Gold

Cercis canadensis 'Hearts of Gold'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Eastern Redbud, Judas Tree, Love Tree

Description:

A spectacular and hardy spring bloomer, with very showy fuchsia flowers held tightly on bare branches in early spring; coarse gold leaves glow in spring maturing to soft green; a great small ornamental tree for specimen use in the northern landscape

Ornamental Features

Redbud, Hearts of Gold has fuchsia pea-like flowers along the branches from early to mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive light green deciduous foliage which emerges gold in spring. The heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Redbud, Hearts of Gold is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Redbud, Hearts of Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Redbud, Hearts of Gold
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Redbud, Hearts of Gold flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Redbud, Hearts of Gold will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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.



Redbud, Hearts of Gold in bloom
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This tree does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.