

# *Cercis occidentalis*

## Western Redbud

SMALL, MULTI-TRUNKED TREE OR  
LARGE SHRUB - deciduous.  
10 to 20' high, 10 - 12' spread.  
Heart-shaped blue-green leaves.  
Showy rose-purple flowers emerge  
before leaves - February to April.  
Magenta-brown seed pods appear  
by mid-summer, remaining into  
winter.

Native habitat: chaparral, wood-  
land, in foothills below 4500'  
- throughout California.

Full sun to part shade.

Needs chill to bloom profusely.

Water regularly in first year or two  
to speed growth. Tolerates, but  
does not need, summer water  
once established.

Especially good inland. Excellent for dry,  
seldom watered banks.

Resistant to oak root fungus.



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