

Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'

Purple Leaf Redbud

Zone: 6-9

Height: 20'

Width: 15'

Crown: Round, vase
Growth Rate: Fast
Soil: Clay, loam, sand
pH: Acidic, alkaline
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: Very tolerant
Breakage: Susceptible
Disease: Verticillium
Pest: Few if any



We doubt there is a more appealing purple in nature than the leaf of Cercis 'Forest Pansy'. As with the other Cercis, this one is a bit difficult to get started, both in propagation and transplanting, but once it's established, it is gorgeous. Purple or lavender pink flowers appear on the branches before leaves open. Fall color varies, but in a good year, orange is dominant. The bark is thin and easily damaged and susceptible to sun scald. The trunk is usually damaged in transplanting, and it will take a few years for the cankers that form to

heal. Pruning will be required to establish strong branch angles. This tree has the tendency to produce double branches and the weakest one must be removed, the earlier the better. Robinson Nursery offers 'Forest Pansy' as branched trees, whips, multi-stem trees, and as a #3 Grow Ready™ liner.

