

Botanical Name: Cercis siliquastrum

Common Name: Judas tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright-spreading, multi-trunked tree, with branches forming a large shrubby rounded canopy if left unpruned (looks like a large version of Cercis occidentalis).

Height 20-30' Spread equal Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil well-drained preferred; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 2-23); thrives at inland location

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, conspicuously rounded; 3-6" across the blade, with a rounded or emarginate apex

Flowers magenta-rose-pink, sweet-pea shaped, in clusters of 3-6; axillary appearing mostly before the foliage, in early spring

Fruit a pod; oval, 3-4" long, tan colored

Propagation: seed

Usage: an attractive accent tree for its flower display and foliage; develops fall color in colder areas; good as a patio tree; suitable for woody or temperate-climate landscape theme

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; not as drought-tolerant as Cercis occidentalis

Fertilizing as needed; balanced in spring, plus iron

Pruning head high and thin out as needed; prune in spring

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: S.Eur., Asia Family: Fabaceae