

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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