The Rising Sun Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'The Rising Sun'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

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; beautiful summer foliage varies between gold, peach, red and light green tones; great for small landscapes



The Rising Sun Redbud foliage
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The Rising Sun Redbud flowers
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Ornamental Features

The Rising Sun Redbud has fuchsia pea-like flowers along the branches from early to mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive gold foliage edged in peach with hints of light green. The heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

The Rising Sun Redbud is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub 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 shrub, 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

The Rising Sun Redbud is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

The Rising Sun Redbud will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.



The Rising Sun Redbud in spring
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