



Arbor Day Foundation™

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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or in the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

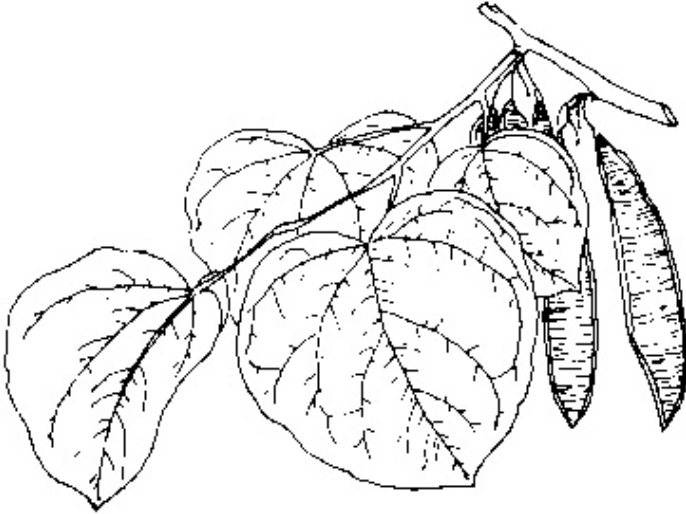
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Allgood". The script is fluid and cursive.

Cynthia A. Allgood
Director, Procurement and Fulfillment

Leaf Identification



Eastern Redbud

Eastern Redbud is a small tree reaching 20-30' in height with a 25-35' spread. Its trunk divides close to the ground, often forming multiple trunks. Its graceful crown is rounded or sometimes flat with irregular, spreading branches. Small, rosy pink, sometimes with a purplish tinge flowers are followed by reddish-purple leaves in summer turning yellow in fall. Flowers will occur by age seven. The shiny reddish-brown 2-3" seed pods remain on the tree throughout winter. The early blossoms and are food for larvae and nectar-seeking insects including butterflies and bees. Birds, squirrels, and deer eat the seeds in winter, deer browse the foliage.

Eastern Redbud adapts to a wide range of soil textures and sites including acid or alkaline, moist to drier soils, full sun to partial shade, and occasional flooding. It prefers moist, deep, loam soils. This native tree grows at a medium rate.