Native Plant of the Year:

**Eastern Redbud**

*Cercis canadensis*

**Unique Characteristics**

The eastern redbud is a small, deciduous tree ideal for sun or shade. The tiny, purplish-pink flowers of this tree are among the first to bloom in the spring.

**Plant type:** tree

**Native range:** Eastern and South-central North America

**Sun:** full sun to part shade

**Water:** medium watering

**Soil:** moist, well drained

**pH > 7.5**

**Height:** 20 to 35 feet

**Spread:** 20 to 35 feet

**Wildlife:** birds eat seeds

**Hardiness zone:** 4 to 8

*Photos courtesy of Ann McCulloh (top), J. Arthur Herrick (bottom left), and Jack Selby (bottom right)*