PLANT FACT SHEET

Cercis occidentalis Torr. & A. Gray

GENUS *Cercis* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES California redbud, Western redbud

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Seeds, pod

The roasted pods and seeds are eaten.
The flowers are used in salads.
The buds are pickled like capers.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or large shrub. It grows 4.5 m high. The leaves are leathery and rounded. The leaves are bluish green and paler underneath. The flowers are rose pink and in clusters. The fruit are pods 7.5 cm long.

HABITAT

Temperate. It will grow in most soils. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds. Seed need treatment to break the hard seed coat.

NOTES

There are about 6 Cercis species.
Also as Caesalpinaceae.

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