

Eastern Redbud Tree



Hardiness zones: 4-9. Rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green, then to yellow. Forms a spreading, graceful crown. Full sun or light shade. Partial shade preferred in windy, dry areas. Grows to 20' to 30', 30' spread.

Instructions:

1. Select your site. Eastern redbud trees can grow in dry or moist soil and can grow in either full or part sunlight. These trees do best in rich, moist soil.
2. Prepare a pot of boiling water. Drop your redbud seeds into the water. Boil the seeds for 30 minutes. On their own, eastern redbud seeds are slow to germinate since they have a coating that repels water. Boiling them for 30 minutes destroys this coating and allows the seeds to germinate.
3. Place the boiled seeds in a sandy soil and leave them outside in 40 F weather for five to eight weeks.
4. Loosen the dirt at your chosen site with a trowel when it's time to plant the seeds. Remove any rocks, sticks or other debris that will prevent the seedling from growing. Poke a hole in the soil 1/4 inch deep, then stick your eastern redbud seed in the hole.
5. Cover the seed over with dirt. Water the area until the soil is moist but not dripping.

Tips & Warnings:

- Continue to water the area. According to the Western North Carolina Nature Center, eastern redbud trees can grow up to 1 foot in height their first year.