Vanilla Twist® Weeping Redbud

Cercis canadensis 'Vanilla Twist'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Eastern Redbud, Judas Tree, Love Tree

Description:

A captivating small tree, with very showy white flowers held tightly on bare branches in early spring; chartreuse foliage emerges, maturing to light green; a great weeping ornamental tree for specimen use in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Vanilla Twist Weeping Redbud is clothed in stunning white pea-like flowers along the branches from early to mid spring, which emerge from distinctive buttery yellow flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive light green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Vanilla Twist Weeping Redbud is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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

Vanilla Twist Weeping Redbud is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Vanilla Twist Weeping Redbud in bloom
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Vanilla Twist Weeping Redbud flowers
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Planting & Growing

Vanilla Twist Weeping 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 1 foot 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.