

# Redbud Trees

*The Henry's elfin butterfly (Collophyrus henrici) and hummingbirds utilize eastern redbud for nectar. Honeybees use the flowers for pollen. Whitetail deer browse the foliage and twigs during the spring and summer. Squirrels occasionally eat the buds, bark, and seed. Bobwhite quail and songbirds eat the seeds. However, for the animals which utilize eastern redbud, it is considered a less desirable or emergency food. The flowers can be fried and eaten. Eastern redbud is usually one of the first trees to bloom in spring. Pink to reddish purple flowers are grown on old twigs, branches, and trunks. Flowering occurs in March to May before leaf growth.*

Height: 15 to 30'

Spread: 15 to 25'

Medium growth rate: . 13–24" per year

Light: Full sun and partial shade

Soil and Moisture: Acidic, alkaline, loamy, moist, rich, sandy, well-drained and clay soils.



To learn more about how to plant a tree go to our website at:

[www.olentangywatershed.org](http://www.olentangywatershed.org). I come to you as a bare root

tree which means I'm a baby tree and I need to be planted

right away. If you can't plant me today please put me in a

bucket with some water to be planted within 7 days. Please make sure you call 811 before you dig so

that utilities and underground wires can be marked and avoided. The hole you dig must be deep and

wide enough to cover my roots but not high over my trunk. IF I AM TOO LOW I WON'T GROW, IF I AM

TOO HIGH, I WILL DIE. My soil needs to stay moist so make sure I get lots of water for the first 2 months.

You can place mulch around me to keep in moisture but not right up against my small trunk.

Trees Mark the seasons (When the seasons come, the trees change colors in a way that makes you say "wow!")

Trees are the best playmates (Whether it's climbing or building a treehouse, there is loads of fun in nature)

Trees provide food (Not only for humans but for birds and wildlife too)

Trees provide wood

Trees save water

Trees provide a home for wildlife

Ohio's state tree (the buckeye tree) got its name due to the seeds looking like the eye of a deer (buck).

A clear, dry and cool day is the best time to enjoy the fall colors providing the best conditions for the most vibrant colors.