Western redbud
*Cercis occidentalis* - seed

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Flower Color:** Magenta

**Flowering Time:** February to April

**Height:** 12-20 feet

**Width:** 10-15 feet

**Exposure:** Sun

**Water Req.:** Dry - no water once established, unless severe drought

**Habitat Value:** Birds, bees

**Comments and Maintenance:**
Redbud signals the beginning of spring covered in magenta pea-shaped flowers in February. Then lovely round leaves form for interest the rest of the year. To sprout seeds in January or February, soak 2 days in tapwater, drain and put in ziploc type bag with compost. Put in refrigerator for 60 days. Remove from frig and sow 3-4 seed on good potting mix in a gallon pot. Plant

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