

# *Plant "Imagination"*



## 'Minnesota Strain' Redbud

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) is a smallish ornamental tree that can be shaped either on a single stem or on multiple stems.

The '**Minnesota Strain**' can bloom as early as mid-April and as late as late May. They are usually one of the first trees to flower in the landscape, usually before flowering crabapples and other fruit trees. Redbuds grow 20 to 30 feet tall and grow well in full to partial sun, and can tolerate a variety of soil types. Plant your redbud away from salt spray as it does not do well with salt. It likes well-drained soil of average moisture.

The '**Minnesota Strain**' of redbud was developed at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The arboretum staff selected out the trees that survived best and used seed from that "strain" to plant more redbuds. Descendants of these trees are sold as the 'Minnesota Strain'.