

## Redbud -- Magenta Everywhere!

EVEN WITH ALL THE FRUIT AND NUT BLOSSOMS, THE REDBUD STANDS OUT!



*Sweet smelling and brilliant to see! When Jim Hiatt went to photograph the Redbud in Capay Valley, but got distracted by vultures [page 17], he did remember to shoot this tree in full bloom.*

Western Redbud, native and common in California, *Cercis occidentalis*, ranges from California east to Utah,

primarily in foothill regions. Its leaves are more rounded at the tip than the relatively heart-shaped leaves of the Eastern Redbud. The tree often forms multi-trunked colonies that are covered in bright pink to magenta flowers in early spring, (February - March), which appear before the leaves. White-flowered variants are in cultivation. It buds only once a year. Interesting note: The flowers have an agreeably acidic bite, and are eaten in mixed salad or made into fritters. The tree was frequently figured in the 16th and 17th century herbals.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cercis>



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