

WHY PLANT A redbud?

Redbuds are great for your garden because they are...

Easy to Grow

Western redbuds (*Cercis occidentalis*) are easy to grow because they are well adapted to our local growing conditions. They are native to the foothills surrounding the Central Valley.



Ellen Zagory

The western redbud is an Arboretum All-Star plant.

Beautiful All Year

The western redbud has something new to offer every season.



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Spring Flowers



Betsy Faber

Summer Foliage



Betsy Faber

Autumn Seed Pods



Melissa Borel

Winter – handsome branch structure

Continuing a Cultural Tradition

Native Californians weave redbud shoots into baskets for cooking vessels, fish traps, baby carriers and more. These baskets are traditional to tribes from the valley and foothill regions of California, including the Pomo people. Susan Billy, a Ukiah Pomo master weaver, once said, "Everything in our lifestyle was connected to those baskets; our lives were bound the way the baskets were bound together."



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Notice the dark pattern from winter redbud bark in this Pomo basket.



WELCOME TO THE Warren G. Roberts Redbud Collection



Warren Roberts (left) with his parents Mildred and Donald Roberts.

Who is Warren G. Roberts?

Warren G. Roberts has served as Arboretum Superintendent since 1972. The redbud is one of Warren's favorite plants, both for its brilliant magenta flowers in spring and for its importance to Native Californians.

A generous donation from Donald and Mildred Roberts supported improvements to the redbud collection in 2005. An additional gift from the Roberts family established a curatorial endowment to support undergraduate and graduate work in the Arboretum.

Did you know?

Some of the redbuds in this collection were planted in 1936, the year the Arboretum was founded.

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