

# A Redbud Story...

Once upon a time I planted a redbud. Without a doubt my favorite Spring Flowering Tree is Redbud. Redbuds are native trees that grow about 15-20' tall and can be slightly wider, the perfect small flowering tree for any landscape and garden. Redbuds are virtually pest free and can be planted in many different locations and soils. Redbuds grow naturally on the edge of forests and will withstand some pretty serious shade but grow wonderfully in full sun as well, Redbuds are also very drought tolerant and require little to no care once established.

Redbuds in most springs are one of the earliest flowering trees to bloom and have long lasting flowers on all stems and branches, even the main trunks of the tree. These great plants are available with white flowers and shades of pink. Forest Pansy Redbud is a purple foliage selection that is fantastic. I have enjoyed my Forest Pansy the last 25 years gracefully providing shade and beauty in my landscape, simply the most rewarding tree in my garden for all seasons. But now, the rest of the story.....

On the nursery back in 2002 we had planted a field of Redbud seedlings, about 2000 trees or so. It was in that growing year we discovered a kind of strange looking Redbud, you never know what nature is going to send you when you plant 2000 trees from seed. This seedling tree began to weep in its growing habit while the other 1999 trees took on the expected growing shape. As we harvested these trees we worked around this 'Charlie Brown' looking thing and later I decided to bring this oddity home and plant it in my garden.

We watched this tree for a couple years and realized that Nature had developed a 'Weeping' form of Redbud right here on the nursery, our own one-of-a-kind tree. Well since that time we have evaluated the tree and have propagated many, many more from a form of grafting. This Spring Pennsylvania Pride has made this tree available to everyone in our area and a patent has been applied for. Now eight years later, the Pennsylvania Pride 'Pink Heartbreaker'



*Pennsylvania Pride Pink Heartbreaker Redbud*

Weeping Redbud is ready to take its place with other Redbuds on the landscape stage.

This beautiful weeping form of the native Redbud is simply outstanding, a vigorous grower and heavy flower producer, a gift from God to all of us. Pink Heartbreaker has all the same benefits of Redbud listed above in a gracefully weeping form.

Pennsylvania Pride is currently talking with growers from across the country as well as Europe, Asia and even a grower in Israel. Pink Heartbreaker will soon be known worldwide! The Pennsylvania Pride Pink Heartbreaker is available at many Garden Centers you can find on [www.pennsylvaniapride.com](http://www.pennsylvaniapride.com) but no where else so I would encourage to act quickly to plant yours, supplies will be limited for years to come. Do not accept any substitutes you may be offered, this Weeping Redbud is the best on the market, easy and fast growing and a proven performer.

May you and your Pink Heartbreaker live happily ever after!

- Don Eaton  
Pennsylvania Pride Grow Team