

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**Notice to Nurserymen of the Naming and Release of 'Whitewater' Redbud**

The North Carolina Agricultural Research Service announces the release of the redbud cultivar 'Whitewater'.

'Whitewater' is a new and distinct cultivar of weeping redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) being released as an alternative to 'Covey' (Lavender Twist™). 'Whitewater' originated as a second generation descendant from the 1999 controlled hybridization of 'Covey' x 'Silver Cloud' (both *C. canadensis*). 'Whitewater' was selected for its attractive variegated leaf color and weeping growth habit. Retention of variegation in leaves during the growing season is similar to that of 'Silver Cloud'. 'Whitewater' demonstrates excellent branching. 'Whitewater' has been trialed for three years in Raleigh, North Carolina (USDA hardiness zone 7b), and it has proven fully cold hardy in this location. Long-term trials have not been conducted in other regions, but it is anticipated that 'Whitewater' will be well adapted to USDA hardiness zone 6 and higher.

The name 'Whitewater' was chosen for this selection because of its attractive green and white variegated leaf color and weeping architecture.

A plant patent application has been filed for 'Whitewater', and plant patent rights will be assigned to NCSU. Propagation and production rights can be obtained from PlantHaven, Inc., Santa Barbara, California.



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