

BRILLIANT FALL COLOR

Fall is for planting! Cooler temperatures, dependable rainfall and a less hurried pace are good for both gardens and gardeners. Fall's colors can make gardening exciting, too.

Brilliant foliage, bright berries and even the rare fall bloomers can make the fall landscape as beautiful as spring's.

Maples are well known and loved for their brilliant fall leaf color: *Red Maple* (bright red); *Norway Maple* (clear gold); and *Sugar Maple* (gold and orange).



Many shrubs such as the flame red *Burning Bush* have bright fall color. Berries are a cheerful signal of fall's cooler weather and many will remain for winter color. Look for *Pyracantha*, *Hollies* and *Viburnum* for long lasting interest. Most berry plants will also attract birds to your garden.

Fall blooming trees and shrubs are rare but especially exciting. In addition to *Franklinia* there is *Blue Mist Shrub*, *Yellow Witch Hazel* that blooms in late October and even the *Opal Azalea*, a lavender azalea that blooms in spring and fall.

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	HEIGHT/WIDTH	FALL INTEREST	COMMENTS
Paperback Maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>	25' h x 20' w	Cinnamon peeling bark; bronze leaves	Full sun
Japanese Maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	20' h x 20' w	Reddish-purple leaves	Full sun; many varieties
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	50' h x 40' w	Bright yellow leaves	Average soil; tolerates hot, dry location
Red maple	<i>Acer rubum</i>	50' h x 35' w	Orange-red leaves	Full sun; tolerates wet soil
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	65' h x 45' w	Brilliant gold and orange leaves	Sun/light shade; excellent shade tree
Kousa Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	25' h x 25' w	Scarlet leaves; large red fruit	Sun/light shade
Sweet Gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	65' h x 45' w	Yellow-red-purple leaves	Full sun
Bradford Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	40' h x 30' w	Scarlet leaves	Adaptable to many soils; tolerates dryness
Pin Oak	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	75' h x 30' w	Bronze leaves	Tolerates wet soil; sun
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	70' h x 35' w	Bright red leaves	Full sun