



WHERE'S THE RED???

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The fall colors in Colorado are beautiful! How can you beat the glowing gold of aspens set amongst evergreens with a clear Colorado blue sky above???

Many of us, however, come from other parts of the country where red is the color of fall - and you miss that here! There are a number of trees and shrubs you can plant that will thrive in our soils, and still give you the red you long for. Try a few of the following:

Sensation Maple - a fast growing maple which has lower water needs and tolerates our alkaline soils, this one will attain a height of 40-50' and offers an early display of beautiful red, orange and yellow leaves.

Autumn Blaze Maple - another good shade tree with a moderate growth rate, eventually reaching a height of 50' with a wide spread, displaying beautiful orange/red fall color.

Chanticleer Pear - reaching 30-35' tall with only a 15-20' spread, this ornamental tree fits well into close quarters. It is one of the first trees to flower (white) in the spring, and its glossy foliage turns a dark red in fall.

Princess Kay Plum - a smaller ornamental tree reaching a mature height of 18'. This one offers beautiful double white flowers in spring and bright red fall color.

Staghorn Sumac - a vigorous shrub that develops into a large clump reaching about 10' in height with bright red/orange colors in fall.

Viburnums - many varieties are available, most of which turn dark red in fall.

Fall is a great time to plant. Shop now when you can see the fall colors you love, and take advantage of those fall sales!