

JULY 2013

PURPLE FOLIAGE



Purple foliage can create that much needed contrast in the garden and is especially dazzling next to a chartreuse green like Rhus typhina 'Tiger Eyes' or Cotinus Golden Spirit! Most purple-leaved trees and shrubs retain their colour even through summer and turn a more intense purple (or crimson, red, burgundy, maroon, bronze with some orange tossed in for effect!) in the fall. Enjoy!

Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry' (Crimson Sentry Maple) Zone 4 -

A medium grower with columnar shaped crown and dark purple foliage. Ideal for narrow streets and small gardens. 8mH x 5mW.

Pictured at right.



Acer palmatum 'Trompenburg' (Trompenburg Maple) Zone 5 -

Open vase form with unique leaves. The deep purple-red leaves curl slightly at the edges giving them a claw like appearance.

Fall colour is red. 5mH x 4mW. Pictured at left.

Corylus avellana 'Red Majestic' (Red Majestic Walking Stick) Zone 4 -

Small tree with branches that are curled and twisted. Irregular upright growth habit with purple-red leaves. Purple-red catkins adorn the bare branches in winter. 3-4M/10-12' tall by 3-5M/10-16.5' wide.

Pictured at right.



Malus 'Royal Raindrops' (Royal Raindrops Crabapple) Zone 4 -

New introduction combining deeply lobed purple foliage and magenta-pink flowers on an upright, spreading tree. Persistent red fruit (.6cm/1/4").

Sprout free rootstock. Heat and drought tolerant. Disease resistant. 6mH x 4mW. Pictured at left

Physocarpus opulus 'Summer Wine' (Summer Wine Ninebark)

Zone 2b- A more compact Ninebark with deeply cut, wine-red foliage. Cross between dwarf cultivar 'Nanus' and Diabolo. Small, pinkish-white flowers. Attractive peeling bark. 1.25-1.75m H/W Pictured at right.



Sambucus nigra 'Black Lace' (Black Lace Elderberry) Zone 3

- A beautiful new cultivar with finely cut leaves, imitating the Japanese Maple effect. Foliage flushes green and soon darkens to a purple-black that remains through the summer. Large flat clusters of pink buds open to tiny, pinkish-white flowers.. Shiny purple-black berries. 2-2.5mH X 2mW Pictured at left

