

## FALL COLOR REPORT 10/31/16 for E-Mail

Welcome to Iowa's fall color report from the State Forest Nursery. This recording was made Monday, October 31st, 2016. This will be the last report for the 2016 season as the peak has passed in all parts of the state.

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In **Northeast Iowa:** Most of the trees have dropped their leaves with the exception of some oaks which are holding on for dear life. The wind has been heavy at times and the landscape is starting to look bare as far as leaves.

In **Southeast Iowa:** There are a few trees...such as red oaks...out on the landscape still holding on to green leaves, but all other trees are losing leaves quickly. We are past peak viewing but there are still some scenic areas around the countryside.

In **North Central Iowa:** The red oaks are at their peak color here and many individual hickories, white oak, and maple are still in full color at the moment, but the overall landscape has begun shedding leaves and fall color is in decline. Mark your calendars for next year's fall color show which is predicted to be the middle of October.

In **Central Iowa:** Hard maples are still holding with orange and red leaves are losing them quickly. Red oaks still have reddish leaves. White oaks are in full orange color. Bur Oaks are brownish. The burning bushes are in full red color. The early turning species are mostly bare, with the exception of silver maple, which are in full yellow color. There is still some color to be seen, especially in the towns and protected areas but it will diminish quickly throughout the next two weeks.

In **South Central Iowa:** Leaves are falling! We have a lot of bare trees now – especially along edges and in the bottomlands. Oaks are holding their leaves so the upland landscape is a nice mix of reds and rusty oranges. The hard maples in town are very bright but they are losing leaves quickly. We are past peak but still have some nice color in the oaks.

In **Northwest Iowa:** In the Little River Valley, the Bur oaks are bare but some bright yellow leaves still hang on silver maple, cottonwoods, mulberry, and hackberry. The stand out color is on the red and black oaks. The scarlet red and bright orange are spectacular on a gloomy day.

In **Southwest Iowa:** It's all but done here except a few of the invasive species such as Siberian elms, etc. Bur oak is changing into a little orange before they turn brown. With the 30 mph last Friday, most colored leaves are gone.

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