

FALL COLOR REPORT 10/26/09 for E-Mail

Welcome to Iowa's fall color report from the State Forest Nursery. This recording was made Monday, Oct. 26th, 2009.

Bob Honeywell

In Northeast Iowa: The peak is well past and the vast majority of the leaves are down.

John Byrd

In Southeast Iowa: The peak was during this past week. There is still color out to be seen but the rains did diminish it some. The oaks, hickories and hard maples are still putting on a show, but most of the other species are almost finished.

Wayne Fuhlbrugge

In North Central Iowa: This area reached the peak last week. It came like a flash and the oaks seemed to turn color almost overnight. The oaks are in full color right now and losing leaves. Yellow and orange color remains in the soft and hard maples. Burning bush is bright red in protected areas and defoliated in the open areas. With the big rain and wind, many leaves fell, but there is some color hanging on – mostly in the protected areas and in the towns.

George Warford

In Central Iowa: This area reached their peak last week. The oaks turned within a couple days and are in color now. There are still yellow and orange colors out there in the maples, hickories and various other trees. The walnuts and ashes are defoliated. The burning bushes are either bright red in protected areas or defoliated in open areas. The recent rain and wind brought down quite a few leaves but it is still pretty outside. The color will probably diminish pretty quickly.

Jessica Flatt

In South Central Iowa: The peak is over for the season but the oaks are still in color and hanging onto their leaves pretty well. In the towns the hard maples are brilliant. In the countryside, more leaves are down than last week, but the hickories and oaks are still putting on a show. The bottomland species are largely defoliated.

Joe Schwartz

In Northwest Iowa: The less than desirable color show is over for the year. Not much color is left after the wind and rain.

Brent Olson

In Southwest Iowa: This area peaked over the weekend. The wind and rain brought most of the leaves down however and there is only color in sheltered areas. In the towns, some hard maple trees are still a beautiful orange and some burning bushes are a vibrant red. In the countryside, the trees are mostly bare with a few spots of color here and there.

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