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Seeing Red:

Over the years, I've had some of my customers as well as landscape contractors ask me for a statement color of red to include in their landscape as a focal point. Fortunately there are a lot of choices for shades of red in shrubs, trees, and perennials.



In trees, there are great selections, starting with the standard of Japanese Maples. Here at Christensen's there are a number of varieties including 'Bloodgood', 'Crimson Queen', 'Emperor I', 'Inaba Shidare', and 'Rhode Island Red'. 'Crimson King' and 'Crimson Sentry' Norway Maples are always great choices for shade and accent trees. My particular favorites are Weeping and Tricolor Beech.

In shrubs, there are different forms of barberry, from pygmy to columnar. Newer to the trade are varieties of Physocarpus such as 'Summer Wine', 'Diabolo', and 'Little Devil'. These plants are very hardy in our climate. Wiegela have a number of cultivars, such as 'Wine and Roses', 'Dark Horse', and 'Summer Wine', the bonus being great pink flowers in the spring. 'Royal Purple' smokebush has a rich deep burgundy color, and with some time can offer privacy as it can grow to 10-15' by 12 feet. Of course we cannot leave out roses. 'Knock Out' and 'Double Knock Out' as well as the new Drift roses offer some fantastic shades of red.



In perennials, Heuchera can't be beat for beautiful foliage color. Some different varieties to look for are 'Plum Pudding', 'Binoche', and 'Palace Purple'.

This is just a small list of plants that we keep stocked here at Christensen's Plant Center - with different sizes and prices that will have your customers seeing red and loving it.



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