

RHODE ISLAND TREE COUNCIL'S (NOT QUITE) FLOWERING TREE SPOTLIGHT

There is an abundance of beautiful flowering trees to choose from. In this series we will highlight one tree at a time to become familiar with. *This month in honor of fall we highlight a tree with such a spectacle of color that it rivals spring flowers (and some might say beat it!)*

Ginkgo Tree, *Ginkgo Biloba*

This stunning tree is a slight break in our normal flowering tree spotlight. The Ginkgo tree's time of "bloom" is in the fall when the entire tree's foliage shines a bright golden on the tree before promptly making a "carpet" overnight. The Ginkgo is one of the oldest living species in the world (perhaps as old as 270 million years!). So it comes as no surprise that this is one exceptionally hardy tree. While almost reaching extinction, Tibetan monks started cultivating the Ginkgo 4,000 years ago for its beauty and supposed medicinal value. Now, it is one of the most commonly sighted tree thanks to it's beauty and hardiness to nearly all conditions.

Botanical Name: *Ginkgo Biloba*

Zone: 4-9

Nativity: China

Size: 40-80'

Spread: 30-45'

Exposure: Full Sun-Part Sun

Bloom time: In fall the foliage explodes into a showy display of yellow, making up for their lack of color in the spring.

Growth rate: Moderate



