

Fred's Favorites

Ornamental Trees

- 1) Prairie Fire Crabapple – This tree has a reddish-pink flower in early spring which produces fruit the size of a pea (no fly problem). Also, new growth has a reddish cast and old growth is green. Plus the bark is red with white lenticels.
- 2) Smoke Bush – trimmed into a tree form with multi-branching habit. Main thing to remember with Smoke Bush is don't put it in an area where there is a lot of moisture. This plant has a problem with verticillium wilt with excessive water.
- 3) Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac – creamy white flowers in June. Excellent smell from creamy white flowers and blooms later than the lilac so it doesn't get froze.
- 4) Redbud – works in town where little spraying for weeds is done. This tree is very sensitive to 2-4 D drift. I have 3 to 4 in my yard that don't have any problems. Reddish-pink flowers in spring with a vivid yellow fall color. No known problems.