

GARDENING NEWS



Our gardener, Anthony Butler, reveals what to look out for in Stroud's gardens between October and December

With a real turn in the weather towards Autumn, I'm keeping an eye on the trees as they begin to display their 'Autumn Colours'.

Also of note at this time of year is a feast for our wildlife in the form of **berries** upon the trees and shrubs. Below is a list of some to look out for in our gardens.

Leaves and berries are not the only way our trees and shrubs look attractive at this time of year, look out for **coloured stems** or trunks on things like Betula (birch) - white, and Cornus (dogwood) - red or green.

Berries

Cotoneaster horizontalis - red
Taxus baccata (yew) - red
Ilex aquifolium (holly) - red
Pyracantha - orange
Rosa glauca - red hips

Location

Bank Gardens
Bank Gardens
Park Gardens
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Bank Gardens



Leaf Colour

Parrotia persica
Viburnum Sp.
Berberis thunbergii Atropurpurea
Prunus Sp. (cherries)
Koelreuteria paniculata

Location

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Stems

Snake bark maple - patterned
Birch - white
Dogwood - green, red or yellow

Location

Park Gardens
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Bank Gardens

Developments

As it has been so dry we have had to hold off planting, but now it has turned a little wetter we can begin to bring in plants for our four new areas for this year. They are:

1. Back of library - Bank Gardens (now planted)
2. Extension to Fernery - Bank Gardens
3. Compost corner - Park Gardens
4. Back wall - Park Gardens



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Stroud in Bloom has been awarded a **Silver-Gilt** at the recent Heart of England in Bloom presentation ceremony

At the time of writing over **10,000 bulbs** are on order just for the two town centre gardens. They are to create a more naturalised look in our grass areas and to infill beds and borders. In Gardening News Issue 1 2012 (Jan-Mar) I will list some of those to look out for and where to find them.

