

# Colorful Harbingers of Spring!

By Joe Covington

Dreary, long, and sometimes cloudy winter days make the first signs of spring a very welcomed sight. The change of seasons is just around the corner, and here are several early bloomers we can all be excited about:

**Redbuds:** Depending on the variety, you'll see gorgeous spring blooms in shades of pink to rosy purple, and foliage colors ranging from gold, green and burgundy from spring through fall. Some are upright trees, and others are weepers which provide a dramatic silhouette in your landscape even in winter after they've lost their leaves.

**Forsythia:** These upright 4-6 foot tall shrubs absolutely glow with vibrant golden yellow flowers. They truly provide a spring spectacle!

**Flowering Quince:** More compact than forsythia at only 2-3 feet, with stunning red, orange, pink or white blooms on mahogany new growth throughout the growing season.

**Saucer "Tulip" Magnolias:** Their impressive large pinkish to purple blooms simply load the branches of these deciduous magnolias. You may see them as large bushes, or in tree form, depending on the pruning technique.

We've got lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead as we say goodbye to winter and welcome the fresh beauty of spring.

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