Can you tell fall has arrived? The trees sure can. Some awesome colors are just about to explode; here is a Tatarian Maple, Acer tataricum in Rose Park. Tatarian Maple gets its name from the tatar peoples of Southern Russia. Tatarian Maple is a great tree if you are looking for something smaller as they usually get no taller than 25 feet. At maturity they tend to be wider than tall so think about this when planting. They are a great tree for under powerlines or in places with height restrictions. They are a zone 3 to 7 tree. This Maple is relatively drought tolerant and can endure somewhat poor soils. Beautiful fall red colored leaves 2” to 4” long; samara or fruit have an intense color in July.

One down side to the Tartarian Maple is that without early pruning the tree will take on a multi stem shrub look. Be careful when mowing and weed eating around as the bark is very thin and easily damaged. Be sure to place mulch around the base of this tree to keep the equipment away. No major bugs currently bother Tartarian Maple. In Russia this tree is used in farmland shelterbelts.