

Rare beauty

A spectacular landscape will be attractive throughout the entire year. Lots of trees and flowers add color in spring and summer—the trick is to find something that looks beautiful the rest of the year, and especially during our long winters.

Allow me to introduce 'Prairie Radiance' euonymus, a new cultivar from North Dakota State University that offers rare shades of beauty in fall and into winter. Its cold hardiness and excellent fruit display are qualities that set it apart from other euonymus cultivars.

'Prairie Radiance' is a small tree with a low branched trunk or multiple stems. The tree will grow to a mature height of 18 to 24 feet after 10 to 15 years. It has a rounded shape, spreading 15 to 18 feet wide, with an informal, semi-pendulous habit.

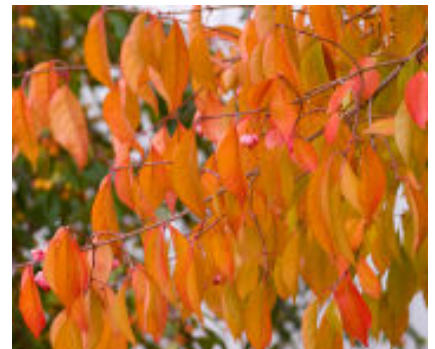
The eye-catching display of 'Prairie Radiance' begins in mid-August when it produces an abundance of light pink seed capsules. These capsules split open in September, revealing bright reddish-orange seeds.



When the leaves drop, the silvery-gray bark of the tree is revealed. This bark serves as a pleasing background to the brilliant seeds, which stay on the tree through much of the winter.

You will be pleased with its foliage in fall. The rich green leaves of summer turn reddish in sandy loam soils and pinkish in the clay soils of the Fargo area. A sunny location will promote maximum fall color.

Birds will be attracted to euonymus, which can serve as a small specimen tree or planted in groups in informal landscapes. 'Prairie Radiance' is hardy to Zone 3 and shows moderate tolerance to drought. Euonymus seeds are toxic. *DG*



From top to bottom: seed capsules, fall color, and plant habit. Source: Bailey's Nurseries.

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