

# Out&About

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## Orange Crush

New Englanders and Midwesterners love to wax poetic about their kaleidoscopic canopies of fall color, but the Golden State is no slouch when it comes to producing majestic autumnal splashes of gold, magenta, and crimson. Because of its broad range of elevations and its extensive variety of deciduous trees and plants, California has the longest and most varied change of fall color in North America, according to the leaf-peeping blog [californiafallcolor.com](http://californiafallcolor.com). The annual foliage spectacle typically begins in late August in higher elevations, such as along the Eastern Sierra near Bishop, where this pumpkin-hued tree stands in scintillating solidarity with amber grasses. In lower elevations, nature's paintbrush is most active in November, making that a great month to explore Southern California's arboreturns and botanical gardens. To find locations that are at or near their peak splendor, visit [californiafallcolor.com](http://californiafallcolor.com), which from September to Thanksgiving Day reports on conditions around the state. Take that, Vermont. —Brad Wright