



# Fruit Trees

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**MULTIPLE-BUDDED FRUIT TREES** Please inquire about our 2-n-1, 3-n-1 and 4-n-1's (two, three or four varieties on a single tree).

**WHITE WINTER PEARMAN APPLE** High quality, all-purpose apple - an old favorite, especially for fresh use. Widely adapted, including CA.'s mild-winter coastal climates. Medium to large size, round to oval shape, pale yellow skin with dull red blush. Cream colored flesh is fine grained, crisp, juicy and aromatic with a rich, subacid to sprightly flavor. September/October harvest, good keeper. Healthy, vigorous, spreading, heavy-bearing tree. Excellent pollinizer for other apples. Believed to be the oldest known English apple, dating back to 1200 A.D. Low winter chilling requirement, about 400 hours. Self-fruitful.

**GOLD KIST APRICOT** Excellent backyard apricot for warm winter climates. Freestone, very good quality. Heavy bearing. Early harvest, 3-4 weeks before Blenheim (Royal). 300 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 7 - 9 (Zaiger)

**KATY APRICOT** Large, all purpose flavorful freestone. Tree ripe fruit is subacid (not tart). A favorite apricot for warm-winter climates. Early harvest, 3-4 weeks before Blenheim (Royal). 200 to 300 hours. Self-fruitful. (Expired Pat. No. 4339). USDA Zones 7 - 9 (Zaiger)

**JANICE SEED-LESS KADOTA FIG** 'White' fig. Large, sweet, delicious, light greenish-yellow fruit with practically no seeds. Prolonged harvest, August through November at Fremont, CA. Suited to coastal and inland climates. Prune to any shape. 100 hours. Self-fruitful. (Pat. No.08254)

**TEXAS BLUE GIANT FIG** Extra large fig with purple skin and amber flesh, very sweet, ever-bearing habit. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 6 - 10

**DOUBLE DELIGHT NECTARINE** Sensational fruit consistently the best flavored yellow nectarine plus magnificent, double pink flowers. Dark red skinned, freestone fruit is sweet, with unusually rich flavor very high scoring in taste tests. Heavy bearing tree. Harvest early to mid-July in Central CA. 300 hours. Self-fruitful. (Zaiger)

**ARBEQUINA AS1® OLIVE** Commercially planted in super high density orchards, the low-vigor Arbequina olive tree bears fruit earlier than Traditional varieties. When planted in a wider spacing, this variety will exhibit a spreading, somewhat weeping canopy and grow to a medium size. Prized for its mild oil, the Arbequina olive is small and yields a very aromatic and fruity flavor that is low in bitterness. The tree is fairly disease-resistant and pest-tolerant. Arbequina is self-fertile, but produces higher yields when planted with a pollinizer such as Koroneiki or Arbosana.

**MAY PRIDE PEACH** Very early ripening peach for warm winter climates. Ripens in May, about with Desert Gold. Delicious, sweet and tangy, semi-freestone when fully ripe. Very large for such an early peach. Large, showy pink blossoms. 150-200 hours. Self-fruitful. (Expired Pat. No. 7775) (Zaiger)

**RED BARON PEACH** Flowering/fruiting. Large, juicy, firm, richly flavored yellow freestone fruit. Showy double red blossoms. Mid-July. Long-time favorite in Southern CA. and Texas. Low chilling requirement, 250-300 hours. Self-fruitful. (Expired Pat. No. 4195)

**TROPIC SNOW WHITE PEACH** Delicious white freestone for warm-winter climates balanced acid and sugar, superb flavor. Harvest begins mid June in Central CA., about three weeks before Babcock. Showy blossoms in spring. From Florida, introduced in 1988. Very low winter chilling requirement, about 200 hours. Self-fruitful.

**HOOD PEAR** Very low chilling requirement, inter-fruitful with Flordahome. Large, early season fruit has yellow-green skin and sweet, mild-flavored flesh. Reported to be highly resistant to fire blight. 100-200 hours.

**TENNOSUI PEAR** Assumed to be a chance cross of TENN, also know as Tennessee pear, and Hosui pear. Crisp, bell-shaped fruit matures late July to Early August and is very productive. Cut fruit remains crisp and tasty and is slow to oxidize. Shows resistance to fire blight. 150-450 hrs. Self-fruitful.

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**BURGUNDY PLUM** Maroon colored skin and semi freestone flesh. Sweet, with little or no tartness and a very pleasing, mild flavor. High taste test scores. Prolonged harvest, mid-July to mid-August in Central CA. Very productive. Narrow, upright habit. 300 hours. Self-fruitful.

**WEeping SANTA ROSA SEMI-DWARF PLUM** One of the most flavorful, aromatic Japanese plums when fully ripe. Beautiful 8-10 ft. tree, weeping growth habit; long slender limbs bow gracefully to the ground. Easily espaliered. 200-400 hours. Self-fruitful.

**GARNET SASH POMEGRANATE** Vigorous tree sets big crops of small-medium sized, yellow to blush red fruit, with sweet-tart seeds and highly ornamental flowers. Can be grown as a shrub or tree and kept any height by summer pruning. Eat fresh or use in cooking. Excellent source of antioxidants. Requires 150-200 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

**GRENADA POMEGRANATE** A darker, less tart bud-sport of Wonderful. Can be grown as a bush or in tree form. Harvest 30 days before Wonderful. (Expired Pat. No. 2618) Long-lived, any soil. 150 hours. Self-fruitful.

**RED SILK POMEGRANATE** Medium to large-sized fruit with a brilliant red silky exterior. Large, firm yet edible seeds have a sweet berry flavor and a great acid/sugar balance. Naturally semi-dwarf tree has a slightly-spreading growth habit and sets large crops. Grow as a tree or shrub and keep any height by summer pruning. Excellent source of antioxidants. Eat fresh or use in cooking. 150-200 hours Self-fruitful.

**SHARP VELVET POMEGRANATE** Large sized pomegranate with a very appealing, unique mildly acid refreshing flavor. Fruit has a dark red exterior and dark seeds, the color of crushed-red velvet. Upright growing plant sets huge crops of highly ornamental fruit and can be kept any height with summer pruning. Eat fresh or use in cooking. An excellent source of antioxidants. Requires 150-200 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

WONDERFUL POMEGRANATE Large, purple-red fruit with delicious, tangy flavor. Best quality in hot inland climate. Gaudy red orange bloom, ornamental foliage. Long-lived, any soil. 150 hours. Self-fruitful.

LEGACY BLUEBERRY One of the best USDA releases, with a very robust flavor. Vigorous shrub that is slightly spreading, arching to 6-12'. Produces heavy yields of delicious medium-large berries. Ripens in August. Foliage remains through the winter. Zones 5-9. 800 hours.

MISTY BLUEBERRY Southern Highbush. Early, in the West Misty is quite vigorous, growing very well both on the coast and in the inland heat. This excellent flavored fruit does well in areas with chilling as lows as 150 hours and all areas with mild winters and hot summers.

SHARPBBLUE BLUEBERRY Southern Highbush. Excellent flavor. Nearly evergreen in mild winter climates. Bares fruit nearly year-round. Vigorous plant to 6 ft. Dime-sized dark blue fruit. 200 hours.

SUNSHINE BLUE BLUEBERRY Southern Highbush cultivar. Great flavored firm berries. Ripens May 10 through June 15 at Gainesville, Florida. A semi dwarf evergreen bush with great fall color. Showy hot pink flowers fade to white in spring. Self-fruitful. Estimated chilling hours needed 150 hours, but very cold hardy as well.

ISSAI HARDY KIWIFRUIT (*Actinidia arguta* 'Issai') Fuzzless fruit; no need to peel. Smaller than the standard kiwi, often sweeter. Very high in vitamin C. Much more winter hardy than Hayward. New growth tender to frost, but plant recovers quickly. Often sets fruit the first year. 300 hours. Self-fruitful.