

Fruit Trees

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BLACK MISSION FIG The industry standard. Purplish-black skin, strawberry- colored flesh, rich flavor. Heavy bearing, long-lived, large tree. Coast or inland. Fresh/dry/can. 100 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 7 - 9

IMPROVED BROWN TURKEY FIG Large, brown skin, pink flesh. Sweet, rich flavor, used fresh. Widely adapted -coast or inland climate. Small tree, prune to any shape. 100 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 7 - 9

KING FIG (Desert King) Light green 'white' skin, strawberry colored pulp. Rich flavor, excellent fresh eating quality. Large breba (spring) crop. Later crop is light in hot climates, heavier in coastal climates. Prune only lightly, occasionally. (Heavy winter pruning removes breba crop.) 100 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 5 - 9

VIOLETTE DE BORDEAUX FIG Small to medium size purple-black fruit with a very deep red strawberry pulp, a distinctive sweet rich flavor. Brebas are pear shaped with a thick, tapering neck; main crop figs are variable often without neck. Medium eye. Excellent fresh or dried. Breba crop, hardy. Good for container culture or small spaces. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 5 - 10

PARFIANKA POMEGRANATE Wolfskil- Dr. Levin selection. Large size Red fruit is sweet with a hint of acidity. Arils are red with very small edible seeds. Vigorous upright plant sets a heavy crop dependably. Maintain at any height with summer pruning. Always receives the highest praise for overall flavor. Great for juice or fresh eating. 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.

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.

O'NEAL BLUEBERRY Southern Highbush (low chill, tolerates heat). Large fruit is especially sweet and flavorful. Early season. Soil must be acidic, high in humus. 5-6 ft. bush. 200 hours. Self-fruitful, but plant two varieties for largest crops.

BLUECROP BLUEBERRY Northern Highbush. No. 1 variety, the standard of excellence. Upright, vigorous bush. Very productive. Large, firm, great flavor. Fruit does not drop or crack. Tolerates hot summers if soil is moist, acidic, and high in humus. 800 hours. Self-fruitful.

BLUERAY BLUEBERRY Northern Highbush. Best variety for hot climates. Large, firm fruit, excellent flavor. Upright, vigorous bush, very productive. Blueberry culture requires soil that is moist, acidic, and high in humus. 800 hours. Self-fruitful

ELLIOTT BLUEBERRY Northern Highbush. Very late ripening, Northern Highbush. Medium sized light blue berries with high acid, slightly tart flavor. Plant is upright, vigorous and a heavy producer, with an extended harvest period of four to five weeks. SHARPBLUE 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.

SOUTHMOON BLUEBERRY Southern Highbush. Exceptional berries with superb flavor. Florida native with vigorous, upright character. Performs well in CA, both inland and coastal. Prefers light sandy soils. 200-300 hours. (Pat. No. 9834)

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.

GOJI BERRY Bright red fruit used either fresh or dried. Contains the highest antioxidant level of any fruit type. Drought tolerant once established and very cold hardy. Self-fertile. USDA zone 5-9



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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).

GARDEN DELICIOUS GENETIC DWARF APPLE Sweet, crisp, superb flavor, even in hot climates. Greenish-yellow with red blush to full red. Dessert/cook, good keeper. September. 8-10 ft. tree, smaller with pruning. 600 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 4 - 8 (Zaiger)

ANNA APPLE Remarkable fruit for mild winter climates in S. CA., S. AZ. Heavy crops of sweet, crisp, flavorful apples even in low desert. Fresh/cooked. Keeps 2 months in refrigerator. 200 hours. Self-fruitful or pollenized by Dorsett Golden or Einshemer. USDA Zones 5 - 10.

EMPIRE APPLE Sweet and juicy, sprightly flavor, a cross of McIntosh and Red Delicious. McIntosh-type apple for hot summer climates. Heavy bearing tree. Early fall harvest. Good pollenizer for Mutsu, Gravenstein, Winesap, Jonagold. 800 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 4 - 9

FUJI APPLE Introduction from Japan that quickly became CA's favorite apple. Sweet, very crisp and flavorful, excellent keeper. Dull reddish orange skin, sometimes russeted. Ripe mid September. Excellent pollenizer for other apple varieties. Low chilling requirement - less than 500 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 6 - 9

GALA APPLE (Original Gala) Wonderful dessert apple from New Zealand. Crisp, nice blend of sweetness and tartness, rich flavor. Skin reddish orange over yellow. Early harvest, 2 - 3 weeks before Red Delicious. Good pollenizer for other varieties. Adapted to cold and warm-winter climates. Chilling requirement less than 500 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 4 - 10

GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLE (Yellow Delicious) Long-time favorite for its sweetness and flavor. Reliable producer, adapted to many climates. Pollenizer for Red Delicious. Mid season harvest (September in Central CA.). 700 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 5 - 10

GRANNY SMITH APPLE From New Zealand. Large, late, green, all-purpose. Crisp, tart, excellent keeper. Requires long summer. Thrives in hot climates. 400 hours. Prolonged bloom: good pollenizer for other apples. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 6 - 9

GRAVENSTEIN APPLE (Green Gravenstein) Famous for sauce and baking, also used fresh. Crisp, juicy, flavorful & tart. Early bloom, early harvest. 700 hours. Pollenizer required: Empire, Fuji, Gala, Red Delicious. USDA Zones 2 - 9

HONEYCRISP APPLE Winter hardy tree from the University of Minnesota. Fruit is crisp and juicy with an aromatic flavor. Stripped red over yellow color. Stores well. Ripens mid August. Pollenized by Gala, Granny Smith, Empire, McIntosh and Red Delicious. USDA Zones 3 - 8

PINK LADY® APPLE (Cripps Pink) Hot climate apple from Western Australia. Very crisp, sweet tart, distinct flavor, good keeper. Skin reddish pink over green when ripe. White flesh resists browning. Harvest begins late October in Central CA., about three weeks after Fuji. Self-fruitful. 300-400 hours. (Pat. No. 7880). USDA Zones 6 - 9

CHINESE (MORMON) APRICOT Cold hardy, frost hardy, sets heavy crops of small to medium size sweet fruit. Recommended for difficult, spring frost prone climates. 700 hours. Self-fruitful. USDA Zones 4 - 7

HARCOT APRICOT From Canada. Frost hardy late bloom. Resists brown rot and perennial canker. Medium to large fruit ripens early to mid-June in Central CA. Sweet, juicy, rich flavor one of the best. 700 hours. Self-fruitful.

BING CHERRY Large, firm, juicy, sweet, nearly black when ripe superb flavor, the No. 1 cherry. Mid-season. Large vigorous tree. Pollenized by Black Tart, Van, Rainier and Lapins. Also Stella in colder climates. 700 hours. USDA Zones 5 - 9

CRAIG'S CRIMSON CHERRY Taste test winner. Self-fruitful, natural semi-dwarf sweet cherry. Dark red to nearly black, medium to large size, wonderful spicy flavor, very firm texture. Mature tree size about 2/3 of standard (smaller when budded onto Colt or Mahaleb rootstock). Mid-season, 500-600 hours. (Expired Pat. No.7320). USDA Zones 5 - 9 (Zaiger)

LAPINS CHERRY Self-fruitful, dark red sweet cherry from Canada. Large, firm, good flavor. Similar to Van in color, Bing in shape. Sometimes sold as "Self-fertile Bing." Ripens 4 days after Bing. 400 hours or less. USDA Zones 5 - 9

RAINIER SWEET CHERRY Large, yellow with red blush. Sweet and flavorful. Very cold hardy. Mid-season harvest. 700 hours. Pollenized by Van, Lambert, Lapins, Black Tartarian & Bing. USDA Zones 5 - 9

STELLA CHERRY Self-fruitful - no pollenizer needed. Large, nearly black, richly flavored sweet cherry similar to its parent, Lambert. Late harvest. 400 hours. Pollinates Bing, except in mild winter climates. USDA Zones 5 - 9

VAN CHERRY Very cold hardy, reliable, heavy bearing. Fine fruit similar to Bing, though usually smaller. 700 hours. Pollenizer required interfruitful with all popular sweet cherries. USDA Zones 4 - 9

NECTA ZEE MINIATURE NECTARINE Sweet, very flavorful yellow freestone, beautiful red skin. Mid-June to early July in central CA. Strong, vigorous tree to 6 ft. Best self-fruitful miniature nectarine. 400 hours or less. Self-fruitful. (Zaiger)

DOUBLE DELIGHT NECTARINE Sensational fruit consistently the best flavoredyellow 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)

HEAVENLY WHITE NECTARINE One of the highest-scoring fruits in Dave Wilson Nursery taste tests. Very large, firm, white fleshed freestone. Superb acid sugar balance and rich, complex flavor; a connoisseur's delight. Dull red and cream colored skin. Mid-July in Central CA. 650 hours. Self-fruitful. (Zaiger)

SPICE ZEE NECTAPLUM® INTERSPECIFIC The first NectaPlum® from Zaiger Hybrids. White fleshed, nectarine x plum. Skin is dark maroon at fruit set, and turns pale pink when ripe. Fully ripe fruit is unparalled in flavor, and both nectarine and plum traits are easily detectable. Tree is guite ornamental. Tremendous purplish pink bloom in the spring, followed by a flourish of red leaves which mature into lush green in late summer. Self-fruitful. Very productive. 200-300 hours. High chill adaptable. (Pat. No

HONEY BABE MINIATURE PEACH Sweet, yellow freestone, richpeach flavor. Heavy bearing 5 ft. tree. Early to mid July in Central CA. Excellent choice for home orchard. 400 hours or less. Self-fruitful. (Zaiger)

ELBERTA PEACH Famous yellow freestone. Classic, rich, peach flavor: high scoring in taste tests. Use fresh, canned or cooked. Ripe late July/early August in Central CA, up to 3-4 weeks later in colder climates. 600 hours. Self-fruitful.

FROST [™] PEACH Resistant to peach leaf curl (10 year trials at Washington State Univ.). Delicious yellow freestone. Slight red blush over greenish yellow to yellow skin. Heavy bearing, excellent for canning or eating fresh. July ripening. Showy pink bloom in spring. 700 hours. Self-fruitful.

KAWEAH PEACH Kaweah has become a favored late summer peach providing consistent high yields and large size fruit. High scoring in taste tests. Kaweah has a delicious true peach flavor with a good balance of sugar to acid and is an all purpose fruit, good for fresh eating, baking, canning, jams and jellies. Recent low-chill trials have shown Kaweah to be productive with less than 500 chill hours. (Plant Pat. No. # 10177).

O'HENRY PEACH Popular fresh market yellow freestone now available for home planting. Large, firm, full red skin, superb flavor. Ripens early to mid August in Central CA. Good for freezing. Strong, vigorous, heavy bearing tree. 750 hours. Self-fruitful.

RIO OSO GEM PEACH Favorite late yellow freestone. Large, sweet, rich flavor, like J.H. Hale. Fresh/freeze. Small tree. Showy bloom. Mid-August in Central CA. 800 hours. Self-fruitful.

SNOW KING WHITE PEACH Large, red skinned, very firm, subacid, white fleshed freestone. Farmer's market favorite for its appearance, sweetness and flavor. Harvest late August in Central CA., 3-4 weeks after Elberta. Showy blossoms. 800 hours. Self-fruitful. (Pat. No. 8415) (Zaiger)

INDIAN BLOOD CLING PEACH Large, late season canning peach. Red skinned, red flesh, rich flavor. Blooms late, sets heavy crops. 800 hours. Self-fruitful.

BARTLETT PEAR World's most popular pear. Early mid-season, high quality, tolerates hot summers. 500-600 hours. Self-fruitful in most climates of Western U.S. Elsewhere, pollenized by Bosc, D'Anjou, Winter Nelis.

BOSC PEAR Long & narrow shape, brown skin. Superb quality, one of the best. Harvest late October. Fresh/cooked. Susceptible to fire blight in warm, moist climates. 500-600 hours. Pollenized by Bartlett or other pear.

COMICE PEAR The gift pack pear. Sweet, aromatic, fine texture, superb flavor and quality - one of the best. Short neck, greenish-yellow skin with red blush. Late harvest. 600 hours. Self-fruitful in most climates of Western U.S. or plant with Bartlett.

WARREN PEAR Excellent quality dessert pear and highly resistant to fire blight. Medium to large, long-necked fruit with pale green skin, sometimes blushed red. Smooth flesh (no grit cells) is juicy and buttery with superb flavor. Good keeper. Cold hardy to -20°F. From Mississippi. 600 hours. Self-fruitful

SHINKO ASIAN PEAR Late ripening -September in Central CA- and excellent quality. Juicy, sweet, flavorful, refreshing, crisp like an apple. Golden brown russeted skin. 450 hours. Pollenized by Hosui, Chojuro, Kikusui, Bartlett

SHINSEIKI ASIAN PEAR Juicy, sweet, refreshing, crisp like an apple. Easy to grow. Keeps well. Harvest late July/early August in Central CA. Bright yellow skin. Vigorous, heavy bearing (usually by 2nd year). 250-300 hours. Self-fruitful. CHOCOLATE PERSIMMON Small to medium size, oblong, bright red skin. Sweet, spicy, firm, brown flesh, superb flavor the choice of connoisseurs. Astringent until ripe. 200 hours. Self-fruitful.

FUYU PERSIMMON - JIRO ("Apple Persimmon") Medium size, flat shape, still crunchy when ripe, non-astringent. Cool or hot climate. Hardy, attractive tree, practically pest free. Fall harvest. 200 hours. Self-fruitful.

GIANT FUYU PERSIMMON Larger, not as flat as Fuyu. Crunchy when ripe like Fuyu. Sweet, flavorful, non astringent. Easy to grow, cool or hot climates. Fall harvest. 200 hours. Self-fruitful.

HACHIYA PERSIMMON Large, deep orange-red, acorn-shaped. Hot summer required to mature the fruit. Sweet, flavorful, astringent until soft ripe. Mature fruit can be frozen and thawed to ripen. Productive, ornamental. 200 hours. Self-fruitful.

IZU PERSIMMON Very sweet, tasty, non-astringent fruit ripens about three weeks before Fuyu. Medium to large size, round shape. Relatively small tree, good choice for backyard persimmon. Sometimes difficult to start from bareroot. 100 hours. Self-fruitful.

SANTA ROSA PLUM Most popular plum in CA. & Arizona. Juicy, tangy & flavorful. Reddish purple skin, amber flesh tinged red. Late June in Central CA. 300 hours. Self-fruitful.

ITALIAN PRUNE Large, purple skin, freestone. Rich flavor, very sweet when fully ripe. Fresh/dried/canned. Vigorous, cold hardy tree. Late bloom. Late summer harvest. 800 hours. Self-fruitful.

COT-N-CANDY APRIUM® INTERSPECIFIC Wonderful new fruit from Zaiger Hybrids. White flesh apricot plum hybrid. Medium sized with incredible flavor, very sweet and juicy. Ripens early to mid July. Self-fruitful. 400 hours or less. Patent pending USDA Zones 7 - 10 (Zaiger)

ALL-IN-ONE GENETIC SEMI-DWARF ALMOND No. 1 almond for home orchards. Heavy crops of soft shell nuts with sweet, flavorful kernels. Hot summer required to ripen. 15 ft. tree, very winter & frost hardy. 300-400 hrs. Self-fruitful. (Expired Pat. No. 4304) (Zaiger)

KERMAN FEMALE PISTACHIO Long hot summers required to ripen.Plant from containers only, do not disturb root ball when handling. Very slow-growing to 20-30 ft. Drought-resistant. 800 hours. Pollenized by Peters.

PETERS MALE PISTACHIO Pollenizer for Kerman. Does not bear fruit. One Peters pollinates up to eleven females. Plant from containers only. Drought-resistant once established. 800 hours.

CHANDLER WALNUT Developed by U.C. Davis. Heavy bearing (bears on lateral buds, not just terminals like Hartley). High quality light-colored nuts. Smaller tree than Hartley, good choice for backyard walnut. Fall harvest. 700 hours. Self-fruitful. (Expired Pat. No. 4388)

FRANQUETTE WALNUT Last English walnut to leaf out, less susceptible to spring frost damage. Very large tree, excellent shade. Fair production of well sealed, thin-shelled, high quality nuts. Pollenizer for Hartley. 700 hours. Self-fruitful. (Rootstock: NCB walnut.)

ROBERT LIVERMORE RED WALNUT A red-kernel cross of Howard and Juglans purpurea, gaining popularity for its buttery flavor and unique appearance. Introduced in 1999 by the University of California, the nuts are medium sized and well sealed harvesting in early October. (PP#12264) KRAUTER VESUVIUS FLOWERING PLUM Dark purple leaves, light pink blossoms, little or no fruit. Relatively small tree, 18 by 12 ft. wide. Favorite purple leaf plum for CA. Foliage of newly planted trees sometimes greenish until vigorous growth begins.

RAYWOOD ASH - Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywoodi' Fast growing, tolerates heat, cold, alkaline soil. Compact, round-headed. Small, delicate leaves, lacy appearance. Purplish-red fall color. No seeds. 25-35 ft.

EUROPEAN WHITE BIRCH - Betula pendula Most popular deciduous treein the West. 30-40 ft. high, with weeping side branches and delicate, lacy foliage. White bark. Does best with ample water and fertilizer. Sunset Zones 1-11, 14-24.

BLOODGOOD LONDON PLANE - Platanus acerfolia 'Bloodgood' Fast-growing deciduous tree to 80 ft. Large maple like leaves, distinctive patchy bark pattern. Resists anthracnose, tolerates smog. Very desirable for street, park, and lawn plantings. Sunset Zones 2-24.

AUTUMN FANTASY™ MAPLE - Acer freemanii Hybrid of red maple and silver maple. Bright red fall color, even in warm climates. Fast-growing, strong-limbed, tolerates alkaline soil, drought. Sunset Zones 1-9, 14-24.

SUGAR MAPLE - Acer saccharum Spectacular fall colors in cold climates: shades of red, orange, yellow. Tolerates fairly hot summer with ample water. Large 5-lobed leaves. Fibrous root system. Grows moderately to 50-60 ft. Sunset Zones 1-10, 14-20.

FRUITLESS MULBERRY - Morus alba 'Fruitless' Fast-growing, to 40 by 50 ft., dense shade. Tolerates summer heat, alkaline soil. Drought tolerant, but best with ample water and feeding. Not necessary to prune back to trunk each winter. All Zones.

WESTERN REDBUD - Cercis occidentalis Multi-trunked tree to 15 by 15 ft. Spectacular bright purplish-pink sweet pea-shaped flowers. Yellow to red fall color. Drought tolerant, resistant to oak root fungus. Sunset Zones 2-24.

CORKSCREW WILLOW - Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa' Remarkable growth pattern of twisted, spiraling branches. Less dependent on high soil moisture than other willows - good choice for high desert. Grows to 30 by 20 ft. All Zones.

ELLEN WILMOTT LILAC (French Hybrid) Double white flowers. Full flowering and true color reached in 2-3 years. Plants bloom best after cold winters. Full sun (light shade in hottest areas), prefers alkaline soil, average water. 10-15 ft. bush.

CONTORTED FILBERT - Corylus avellana 'Contorta' (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick) Very unusual and distinctive small tree to 8-10 ft. Picturesquely twisted and gnarled branches, small leaves. Interesting container plant. Sunset Zones 1-9, 14-20.