

CITRUS RETICULATA



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Citrus reticulata, commonly known as Mandarin (or Tangerine), is a small evergreen tree belonging to the Rutaceae family. With its glossy, dark green leaves and the enchanting, fragrant white flowers that bloom in spring, it offers both a visual and sensory delight.



The species is native to Southeast Asia and China. It is said to have taken its name from the high-ranking Chinese officials known as Mandarins, who favored this fruit and wore yellow-orange robes. In Turkey, it has become a characteristic plant of the Aegean and Mediterranean coastal regions, especially areas such as Bodrum and Seferihisar.

Cultivation and Uses

The mandarin tree prefers abundant sunlight and well-drained, sandy-loam soils. Although it is slightly more cold-tolerant than other citrus species, it should still be protected from severe frost. Regular watering and fertilization—especially during the growing season—directly affect fruit quality and the overall health of the tree.



In landscaping, it is used both for fruit production and ornamental purposes. Thanks to its small and compact growth habit, it is suitable for a wide range of settings, from private gardens to large containers on spacious balconies. Its bright orange fruits add color to gardens during the winter months when landscapes tend to look dull. With pruning, it can be shaped as desired. In addition, the essential oils released by its leaves and flowers help create a natural therapeutic atmosphere in the garden.