

APPLES

When choosing an apple variety pay special attention to pollination requirements. Most varieties require two trees for fruit production. We have provided a separate chart on the bloom time of apple varieties to help determine suitable pollinators.

There are many factors to consider when choosing an apple tree for your yard. There is a wide range of colors, flavors, uses (such as baking or cider), pollination requirements, and disease resistance. It can be overwhelming to choose. We are here to help!

Descriptions of flavor, uses, and hardiness for the different varieties we carry have been provided in the chart below. Disease resistance of specific varieties is provided on a separate chart. Good cultural practices greatly reduce disease problems. In addition, resistant varieties also help in greatly reducing chemical use.

Not only do you need to consider what variety you desire, but you also need to choose a rootstock that fits your site conditions. The size of the tree is determined by the variety's growth habit and the rootstock. Rootstocks reduce the size of a variety by a percentage of the standard size. For example, MM106 is a semi dwarf rootstock normally growing to about 70% of the standard size (resulting in a 12-16' tree). The rootstock also contributes to disease resistance, hardiness, and anchorage for soil type. Please refer to the rootstock chart for specific characteristics.

ARKANSAS BLACK	Medium, near black fruit with waxy skin. Crisp and juicy! Good fresh, for cooking and for cider. Excellent keeper. Triploid . Ripens late Oct.
ASHMEAD'S KERNAL	The small fruit has a robust, rich, sweet-tart flavor. Good for cooking, baking, cider, and keeping. Ripens late Sept-Oct.
BRAEBURN	Medium to large fruit. Yellow skin with orange-red blush. Crisp, tangy flavor, very high quality. Requires fruit thinning. Fruit susceptible to sunburn. Triploid .
CORTLAND	Great pollinator, with large, red fruit that's crisp and tangy. Excellent for fresh eating, cider, and cooking. Trees are vigorous and long lived.
COX'S ORANGE PIPPEN	Self-fertile. Heirloom apple. Orange with red stripe. Firm, sweet, tart and juicy. Excellent all purpose. Ripens mid season.
EARLY PINK LADY	Self-fertile. Oblong, yellow fruit flushed pink with fine, white flesh that resists browning. Very long keeper, ripens early Sept.
EMPIRE	Semi self-fertile, produces better with pollinator. McIntosh-type with better flavor, color, and shelf life. Great dessert and cider apple. Ripens Sept-Oct.
ENTERPRISE	Med-large, deep red fruit with excellent flavor. Highly disease resistant, ripens mid-October.
FREEDOM	Midseason apple that stores into January. Good choice for fresh eating, cider, and cooking with crisp, juicy flesh and sprightly flavor. Ripens Sept-Oct.
FUJI	Tall, rectangular, medium-sized apple. Yellow-green skin with orange-red stripes. Crisp, juicy, slightly sub acid flesh with superb texture. Good keeper. Vigorous, productive, bushy tree. Ripens SeptOct.
GALA	Semi self-fertile, produces better with pollinator. Medium fruit with bright yellow skin heavily striped with orange-red. Yellow flesh is firm, crisp and very juicy. Good keeper. Large, vigorous tree. Ripens in Sept.
GINGER GOLD	Golden Delicious type, with uniform fruit size that keeps up to 6 months in storage. Fruit may be picked green but ripens to a blush-gold if left on tree.
GOLDEN SENTINAL	Columnar apple. Yellow, sweet and juicy fruit that ripens late Sept. Very productive. 8-10'x18". Great for containers!

GRANNY SMITH	Self-fertile. Large, bright green apple with tart and juicy flavor. Good keeper. Excellent for cooking and baking. Very vigorous, heavy producing tree. Needs a hot location to ripen in the Pacific Northwest. Ripens in Nov.
GRAVENSTEIN	Large, round, fruit with red stripes. Crisp, juicy, fine grained, yellowish-white flesh is known for its flavor. Excellent all purpose. Triploid . Ripens in Aug.
HONEYCRISP	Large, red, mottled apple with juicy, crisp, cream flesh. Extended harvest up to three weeks, and a good keeper. Late bloomer. Ripens late September.
JONATHAN	Self-fertile , but produces better with pollinator. Fine, juicy fruit with sprightly flavor. Great for fresh eating, cooking, and keeping. Ripens Sept-Oct.
KING	Red striped, yellow skinned, large fruit good for cooking and storing. Highly recommended for the west coast. Ripens Sept-Oct.
LIBERTY	Most disease resistant variety ever developed! Medium-sized, shiny fruits best for fresh eating, cooking, canning, and keeping. Very vigorous. Ripens Oct.
NORTHERN SPY	Large, striped fruit with tart, aromatic flavor. Excellent all-purpose apple, good for eating, cooking, and a super keeper (into April!). Ripens late Oct.
NORTHPOLE	Columnar variety . Very large, bright red, Macintosh-type fruit that is crisp, juicy and aromatic. Very productive, attractive and great for fresh eating!
PINK LADY	Self-fertile. Oblong, yellow fruit flushed pink with fine, white flesh that resists browning. Very long keeper, ripens late Sept.
PINK PEARL	Handsome, medium-sized fruit with rich, sweet flavor, and unusual, bright pink flesh. Good for sauce & keeping. Highly ornamental while in bloom.
PRISTINE	Glossy yellow fruit with high sugar content, great for fresh eating, cooking, sauce, and storing. Ripens in July. Superior disease resistance.
RED MCINTOSH	Self-fertile , but better with pollinator. Large, dark red fruit with tart, spicy flavor and delicious aroma. Super for cider, cooking, and fresh eating.
RED SPY	Sport of Northern Spy with better color. Large, striped fruit with tart, aromatic flavor. Excellent all-purpose apple, good for fresh eating, cooking, and a super keeper (into April!). Ripens late Oct.
ROXBURY RUSSET	Large fruit, green with brown russet. Firm yellow flesh with high sugar content. Excellent for cider. Blooms late.
SCARLET SENTINAL	Columnar variety. Medium-sized, red apple with dense, juicy flesh. Excellent for small spaces and containers. Ripens mid Oct.
SPARTAN	Self-fertile , but better with pollinator. White, crisp, juicy medium-sized fruit. Highly aromatic, superb for fresh eating. Good keeper. Ripens mid-Oct.
SPITZENBERG	Medium to large, red-skinned fruit dotted with yellow. Flesh is crisp, fine-grained, tangy and spicy. Excellent for desserts. Good keeper. Ripens Nov.
WILLIAM'S PRIDE	Vigorous, upright tree blooms early. Dark maroon skin with creamy white flesh. Delicious blend of tart and sweet.
WINESAP	Round, medium sized dark red fruit. Noted for crisp flesh and sugary flavor with high tartness. Multi-purpose apple-excellent for sauce. Triploid.
WYNOOCHEE EARLY	Ripens early August, with thin-skinned, bright red fruit. Great for fresh eating, in sauce, and keeps until Christmas. Skin almost disappears in cooking.
YELLOW NEWTON	Self-fertile , but better with pollinator. Yellow-green fruit great for cooking, fresh eating, and drying. Heirloom, ripens late Oct-Nov.
YELLOW TRANSPARENT	Med-lg, translucent skinned fruit with very juicy, crisp, white flesh. Good for pie, sauce, and fresh eating. Vigorous, heavy bearing tree ripens Aug.
ZESTAR	Creamy yellow fruit heavily blushed red has good sweet-tart balance. Ripens in August. Good dessert apple, stores well too.

