

NECTARINE VARIETIES



Providing beautiful blossoms and fruit with incomparable flavor, nectarines are worth the maintenance it takes to grow them in our climate.

There are genetic dwarf nectarines available, which reach about 5 or 6 feet. Semi-dwarfing rootstocks such as St. Julian A will produce trees which will only reach 12-15'. Genetic dwarf nectarines are natural dwarf hybrids (they have not been engineered). Genetic dwarfs have been bred to produce normal sized fruit on tightly spaced fruit buds, and require fruit thinning. These trees are perfect for containers. If the tree is kept in a container it can be moved into a covered area which will help reduce infection of peach leaf curl.

The major problem that nectarines have in this climate is peach leaf curl. It is a fungal disease which infects the bud scales in mid to late winter as the buds begin to swell. Although there are varieties of peaches available which are resistant to the disease, we do not carry many disease resistant nectarines. Cleanliness around infected trees, and dormant sprays with copper help prevent infection. For more information please visit our Information Desk inside the store.

ARCTIC BABE	Self-fertile. NEW! An interspecific, genetic dwarf hybrid that yields full-sized, white fleshed fruit of outstanding quality. Ripens in June. Ideal for container culture.
ARCTIC BLAZE	Self-fertile. Semi-freestone fruit is cream blushed red with firm, white flesh. Rich flavor and very sweet when fully ripe.
ARCTIC QUEEN	Self-fertile. Med-large, freestone fruit with sweet, white flesh. Excellent dessert quality.
FANTASIA	Self-fertile. Large, egg-shaped fruit is yellow heavily blushed bright red. Smooth, firm, sweet, yellow flesh. Vigorous, productive, though smaller sized tree.
GARDEN DELIGHT	Self-fertile. Genetic dwarf grows just 6'. Large fruit with yellow blushed red skin and sweet, juicy, yellow, freestone flesh. Heavy bearing variety, ripens mid-August. Highly ornamental in bloom.
HARDIRED	Self-fertile. Smooth, red fruit with fine textured, flavorful, yellow, free-stone flesh. Vigorous, heavy bearing variety, must be thinned. Disease resistant. Ripens early Aug.
NECTAR BABE	Heavy bearing genetic dwarf to just 5'. Large, bright red fruit with sweet, yellow, freestone flesh. Ripens mid-July. Benefits from a pollinator.
NECTA ZEE	Self-fertile. Large, handsome, red fruit with firm, yellow, free-stone flesh. Vigorous genetic dwarf to just 6'. Very early ripening, late June.