Citrus!

Citrus trees grow very well in the Sacramento Valley!

They are evergreen trees or large shrubs, with wonderfully fragrant flowers and showy fruit in winter. There are varieties that ripen in nearly every season. Citrus prefer deep, infrequent waterings, regular fertilizer applications, and may need protection from freezing weather.

We usually sell citrus on rootstocks that make them grow more slowly, so we like to call them "semi-dwarf". We can also special-order most varieties on rootstocks that allow them to grow larger. Citrus size can be controlled by pruning.

The following citrus varieties are available from the Redwood Barn Nursery, and are recommended for our area unless otherwise noted in the description.

**Oranges**

*Robertson Navel*

*Washington Navel*
California’s famous winter-ripening variety. Fruit ripens in ten months.

*Jaffa (Shamouti)*
Fabled orange from Middle East. Very few seeds. spring to summer ripening. Good flavor.

*Trovita*
Spring ripening. Good in many locations from coastal areas to desert. Few seeds, heavy producer, excellent flavor.

*Valencia*
Summer-ripening orange for juicing or eating. Fifteen months to ripen. Grow your own orange juice.

*Seville*
Essential for authentic English marmalade. Used fresh or dried in Middle Eastern cooking.

*Moro*
Deep blood coloration, almost purple-red, even in California coastal areas. Very productive, early maturity, distinctive aroma, exotic berry-like flavor.

*Sanquinelia*
A deep blood red juice and rind. Tart, spicy flavor. Stores well on tree.

**Mandarins / Tangerines**

*Dancy*
The best-known Mandarin type. On fruit stands at Christmas time.

*Owari Satsuma*
Hardiest of all mandarins. Ripens in December, January. Seedless, peels easily.

*Clementine (Algerian)*
From North Africa. Ripens about a month after Satsuma, good flavor.

*Murcott*
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In Florida called Honey. Flesh orange colored. Tender, very juicy, rich tangerine flavor. Spring ripening.

**Lemons**

*Eureka*
Produces large crops of lemons annually. Standard market variety. Easy to espalier.
**Lisbon**
Fruit quite similar to Eureka. Thornier, dense foliage. Ample year-round crop. Good inland.

**Improved Meyer Lemon**
Not a “true” lemon, but very popular for compact habit. Great in containers. Not as tart as Eureka or Lisbon; a bit more of an orange flavor. Prolific bearer. Much midwinter fruit. Can flower and fruit nearly year-around. California state tested, virus-free clone.

**Variegated Pink Lemon**
Unique! Distinctive green and yellow variegated foliage. Lemons have pink flesh, clear juice, acidic lemon flavor. Fuchsia-colored new growth and flower buds.

**Grapefruit**
**Oro Blanco**
Produces sweet fruit even in areas of low summer heat. Huge, intensely fragrant flowers. The best white grapefruit for our area.

**Rio Red**
Popular red-fleshed sport recently introduced from Texas. Needs summer heat.

**Limes**
**Bearss Seedless**
True lime of Tahiti type. Fruit larger than Mexican lime. The only true lime that is hardy here.

**Mexican - (Key lime)**
Small, sometime seedy fruit with genuine tropical flavor year-round. Frost sensitive, so it is not reliable here! We can special order it for you if you want to give the plant special protection from late October until March!

**Lime-like Citrus**
**Rangpur Lime**
Not a true lime, it is actually a sour mandarin. Dwarf if on Four Winds True Dwarf rootstock. Orange colored fruit at Christmas.

**Kaffir Lime**
Foliage and the fruit is used in Thai and Indonesian cooking. Somewhat tender.

**Tangelos / Kumquats**
Ask about the new Indiro Mandarin-Quat! A mandarin/kumquat hybrid, available in limited quantities!

**Minneola Tangelo**
Deep reddish-orange colored fruit in winter. Leave fruit on tree for rich tangerine-like flavor in late spring. A beautiful tree in the landscape.

**Nagami Kumquat**
Olive size and shape, bright orange fruit, fruits best in warmer areas. Late spring ripening. Very ornamental!----

**Meiwa Kumquat**
Sweet round fruit, prized flesh. Candied or in marmalade. Grows best in hotter locations.

**Calamondin - (Kalamansi; Philippine lime)**
Prolific fruit production. Zesty acid juice, used as a garnish in the Philippines. Handsome compact habit.

**Citron**
**Citron Buddha's Hand - (Fingered citron)**
Fruit forms finger-like sections resembling a human hand. It is much esteemed for its delicate lemon fragrance in China and Japan. Fruit has virtually no pulp and is not eaten. It is beautiful as an evergreen ornamental with multiple "hands" hanging from the branches.

**Citron Etrog (Ethrog)**
Fragrant lemon-like fruit with thick peel is used for the Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles. Candied for use in fruitcakes.