

### Apples

- Braeburn Apple** Late season, crisp and tangy, similar to Granny Smith but richer flavor. Excellent keeper. Green with dark red blush. October-November harvest. Self-fruitful.
- Fuji Apple** Sweet, crisp and flavorful, excellent keeper. Late September. Excellent pollinizer for other apple varieties. Self-fruitful.

### Apricots

- Blenheim (Royal) Apricot** The standard, with delicious juicy fruit. Very early in this area--late May - June.

### Berries--Blackberry

- Loganberry, thornless** Dark red fruit. Technically a blackberry/raspberry hybrid, but more like a blackberry in flavor and fruit size. Starts ripening early. Excellent variety. May - June.
- Prime Ark Traveler blackberry** Fruits first year, then again second year on the same canes. Great flavor! Ripens mid summer.
- Olallie Berry** Black, shiny berries with 'wild blackberry' flavor. Very productive. Blackberry class. Late May.

### Berries--Strawberry

- Albion strawberry** Day-neutral (summer-fruiting) variety with outstanding flavor. Firm fruit, good disease resistance. UC Davis introduction.
- Eversweet strawberry** Day-neutral (summer-fruiting) variety with outstanding flavor. Heat tolerant, apparently more reliable summer producer. UC Davis introduction.
- Sequoia strawberry** Day-neutral (summer-fruiting) variety with outstanding flavor. One of the best.

### Blueberries

- Biloxi blueberry** Southern Highbush. Zero chill. Spreading, vigorous. Best in warm winter areas
- Bluecrop blueberry** Northern Highbush, but grows here. Upright bush is "fiery red in fall" [LeC]. Leading commercial variety, large high-quality fruit.
- Emerald blueberry** Southern Highbush. Large berries, very productive, great flavor. Ripens over a long period.
- Jewel blueberry** Southern Highbush. 5 to 6 feet tall with 4 to 5 foot spread. Vigorous plant, very productive, large high-quality fruit. Early to mid season.
- Jubilee blueberry** Northern/Southern Highbush hybrid. Upright with nice fall color. Said to have good heat tolerance (bred in Mississippi)
- Misty blueberry** Southern Highbush. Upright, vigorous bush with clean attractive foliage; may be evergreen. Fruit ripens very early.
- O'Neal blueberry** Southern Highbush. Four-foot-tall bush. Attractive flowers, nice fall color. Fruit ripens very early and over a long period. "Considered by some to have the best flavor of any of the Southern Highbush types..." [MBN]
- Star blueberry** Southern Highbush. Upright grower to 4 to 6 feet. Early season; sweet with excellent quality, easy to harvest "Currently the leading southern cultivar"[LeC]
- Sunshine Blue blueberry** Southern Highbush. Very compact bush with showy pink flowers; evergreen. Tolerant of high pH soil; low chilling requirement. Widely adaptable.

### Citrus: Grapefruit hybrid

- Oro Blanco** Pummelo/grapefruit hybrid, related to Melogold, but more like a grapefruit than like a pummelo. "Produces sweet fruit even in areas of low summer heat. Huge, intensely fragrant flowers. The best white grapefruit for our area." [FWG]

**Citrus: Kumquat**

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

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**Calamondin (Kalamansi)** Prolific fruit production. Zesty acid juice, used as a garnish in the Philippines. Few seeds. Handsome compact habit. [FWG] Also called Philippine lime. Can flower intermittently through the year.

**Calamondin Variegated** Prolific fruit production. Zesty acid juice, used as a garnish in the Philippines. Handsome compact habit. [FWG] Also called Philippine lime. This variety has variegated leaves and fruit and is highly ornamental.

**Citrus: Lemon**

**Eureka** "Produces large crops of lemons annually. Standard market variety. Easy to espalier." [FWG] There are several commercial strains of Eureka; Frost and Allen probably the most common.

**Meyer, Improved** Thought to be a cross between a lemon and a mandarin.  
"Not a "true" lemon. Compact habit; great in containers. More of an orange flavor. Prolific bearer. Much midwinter fruit. Can flower, fruit nearly year-around. 'Improved' = California state tested, virus-free clone." [FWG]

**Santa Teresa** Disease-free selection of 'Ferminello Ovale' planted widely in Italy due to apparent resistance to a disease they had there. Very aromatic.

**Citrus: Lime**

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

**Citrus: Lime-like**

**Kieffer Lime (aka Purut,** Foliage, zest (peel), and juice are used in Thai, Cambodian, and Indonesian cooking. Somewhat tender. Strange-looking bumpy fruit. [FWG]

**Australian Finger Lime** You really have to look at a picture of this fruit to see what you are dealing with. It is like a single segment of a lime, with a peel, and after you peel it the little vesicles fall out and you eat them. Because they look like caviar, that term is sometimes used for marketing.

**Citrus: Mandarin**

**Kishu Seedless** Very small fruit. Sweet, low acid, mild, but good orange flavor. Currently very popular, being promoted as a kids' snack (you can pop the whole peeled fruit in your mouth).  
"The thin, comparatively tight rind is easily peelable and fragrantly aromatic. The flesh is firm, meaty, and pleasantly sweet in flavor." [UCR quote from The Citrus Industry].

**Gold Nugget** UC Riverside hybrid introduction. Seedless, mid to late season, similar to Pixie but larger fruit. Very rich, sweet flavor; seedless. "...considered by professional taste panels to be one of the very best flavored citrus in the world."

**Tango** Beautiful deep orange, smooth skin fruit. Very juicy, easy to peel and segment. May set excessively. Nearly seedless even when cross-pollinated, and doesn't cause seeds in nearby mandarins. An important commercial variety.

**Dobashi Beni** Distinctive because of its deep orange-red colour. Fruit of good quality, ripening in late November or early December. Tree of medium vigour. This variety originated as a limb sport of Owari in the orchard of K. Dobashi in Shizuoka Prefecture and was noted about 1940.[citruspages.free.fr]

**Okitsu Wase** Wase mandarins are the earliest-ripening, October in our area. "... Okitsu originated as a nucellar seedling of Miyagawa from a controlled pollination with Poncirus trifoliata made by Doctors M. Kajjura and T. Iwasaki at the Horticultural Research Station, Okitsu, in 1940. " [citruspages.free.fr]

**Owari Satsuma** Hardest of all mandarins. Ripens November - January. Seedless, peels easily. One of the most popular citrus, easy in containers, and one of the smallest trees (more like a bush) when grown on semi-dwarf rootstock. Several clones are grown; most common is 'Frost Owari'. 'Dobashi Beni' has darker color.

**Shiranui (Dekopon)** Very large, juicy, seedless, easy to peel. Sold as Sumo in the US, Dekopon in Japan, generically called shiranui. This citrus needs a whole page just to explain where it came from, why it took so long to come to market, and which name we can use!

*Citrus: Orange*

**Cara Cara (Pink) Navel** Early ripening navel was a natural mutation of Washington. Red flesh, rich sweet flavor. Venezuelan introduction. May produce variegated branches and fruit.

**Midnight Valencia** Seedless variety of Valencia with large fruit, slower growing.

**Trovita** Spring ripening orange. Seedling of Washington navel that has no navel. "Few seeds, heavy producer, excellent flavor." [FWG]

**Washington Navel** Very widely planted, probably the best-known orange in California. Frost Washington is the common strain.

*Citrus: Orange, blood*

**Boukhobza blood** aka Maltese Sanguine. Very sweet, less acid than the others; juicy, rich flavored. Lightest pigment of all the blood oranges.

**Moro blood** The most colorful blood orange, earliest ripening, few seeds.  
"Very productive, early maturity, distinctive aroma, exotic berry-like flavor." [FWG]

*Figs*

**Black Mission Fig** Purplish-black skin, pink flesh, rich flavor. Heavy bearing large tree with 2 crops per year. Fresh or dry. One of the classic California figs.

**Violette de Bordeaux Fig** Natural dwarf tree, easily kept under 10'. Bears very heavily. Fruit is small, black, with red flesh. Very sweet. 2 crops per year.

*Grapes*

**Ruby Seedless Grape** Dark red, sweet, crisp fruit. Ripens in August.

*Grapes, table*

**Black Monukka Seedless Grape** Seedless black table grape, very sweet with crisp texture. August - September.

**Flame Seedless Grape** Very vigorous, productive red seedless grape with good flavor and texture. Ripens August - September

*Grapes, wine*

**Cabernet Sauvignon Grape** Distinctive aroma, somewhat tannic. One of the grapes used in Bordeaux, and one of the most commonly grown wine grapes in the world.

**Chardonnay Grape** One of the many synonyms of Chardonnay. In hot climates, Chardonnay produces strong, rich-flavored grapes with lots of sugar.

**Nero d'Avola Grape** Italian heirloom wine grape with black-purple fruit. The classic red wine grape of Sicily.

**Pinot Noir Grape** Very dark purple-red grapes. Grows very well here. Very tight fruit clusters.

*Jujube*

**Chico Jujube (Chinese date)** "Round, flat-bottomed fruit of medium size. Known for its rich, sweet and tangy flavor." -- DWN

*Nectarines*

**Fantasia Nectarine** Bright red skin, firm fleshed fruit. One of the best. Mid - late July.

**Necta Zee Nectarine** Miniature tree. "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." -- Dave Wilson Nursery

**Double Delight Nectarine** Beautiful flowers, excellent fruit on this attractive landscape tree. Mid-July.

**Flavortop Nectarine** Excellent fruit, firm texture; showy flowers. Early to Mid-July.

**Heavenly White Nectarine** Outstanding flavor and texture; one of the best summer fruits of all. July.

*Peaches*

**Honey Babe Miniature Peach** Very high quality fruit on a miniature tree. Easy way to grow peaches in very limited space; nice accent in herb or vegetable garden. Mid-July.

**Loring Peach** One of the best. Showy flowers, large fruit, very productive, great texture, top-rated flavor! Highly recommended! Mid-July.

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- Rio Oso Gem Peach** Very large fruit with firm texture and excellent flavor, on a naturally small tree. An outstanding very late variety. One of the best. Mid-August.
- Arctic Supreme Peach** Astounding white peach. Rich flavor, firm texture (unlike most white peaches).  
Cling ("nearly freestone when fully ripe").
- Fantastic Elberta Peach** Beautiful flowers and heavy production of outstanding Elberta peaches on this dual-purpose landscape tree. One of the best. Good all-purpose peach. Early August.
- Gold Dust Peach** Excellent early peach with very good flavor and firm flesh. Excellent to plant with later varieties. Mid-June.
- O'Henry Peach** Large showy flowers. Very productive, firm texture, very good quality fruit with rich flavor. Excellent all-purpose late peach. August.
- Red Baron Peach** Stunning double red blooms--the showiest of all. Wonderful landscape tree. Very rich, sweet, juicy fruit over a long period. Softens quickly, eat right away. Mid-July to early August. Low chilling hours.

### *Pears, Asian*

- 20th Century Pear (Asian)** (aka Nijisseiki, "Apple Pear") Earliest variety. Juicy fruit with pleasant flavor. Very susceptible to fireblight, but vigorous so it can outgrow it seasonally. Self-fruitful. Late July - mid-August.
- Shinko Pear (Asian)** Medium - large brownish fruit. Very rich, sweet with good texture. Stores well for several weeks. One of the best. Very good fireblight resistance. August - mid-September.
- Shinseiki Pear (Asian)** Medium size yellow, juicy fruit with mild flavor. Self-fruitful. Late July - mid-August.

### *Pears, European*

- Warren Pear (European)** Very productive, even when young. Juicy fruit is soft textured when ripe. No grit cells. Very resistant to fireblight. Reliably self-fruitful.

### *Persimmons*

- Hachiya Persimmon** Very large oblong red-orange fruit (has a short point) with very rich flavor. The best for cooking. Astringent until fully ripe; must be squishy soft before you can eat it. December.
- Fuyu Persimmon** Medium size flattened red-orange fruit can be eaten while still firm. Non-astringent. November. A mature Fuyu can produce 500 or more fruit!  
Jiro is the form of Fuyu most common in California; Imoto is the form most common in Japan.

### *Plums*

- Burgundy Plum** Red skin with red flesh all the way to the pit. Mellow, sweet, great for fresh eating. Self-fruitful. Pollenizer for pluerry. Holds on tree well: early July to early September!
- Santa Rosa Plum** Purplish tart skin, yellow-to-red sweet flesh. Very popular and productive, heavy producing all-purpose plum. Self-fruitful and good pollenizer for other plums and pluots. Mid-June, into July.
- Weeping Santa Rosa** Weeping variant of the Santa Rosa that makes a lovely garden accent. Very productive, self-fruitful. Ripens early to mid July
- Nubiana Plum** Large dark purple plum with sweet, firm amber flesh. Holds well on tree for 2 - 3 weeks. Self-fruitful. Mid - late July.
- Satsuma Plum** Red plum, firm dark red juicy flesh, amazing rich flavor. Excellent! A true gourmet fruit. Needs pollenizer. August.

### *Pluots*

- Dapple Dandy Pluot** Taste test winner! Mottled red and yellowish fruit with tangy sweet plum-apricot flavor. One of the best! Pollenize with Flavor Supreme, Flavor Queen, or Santa Rosa plum. August.
- Flavor Supreme Pluot** Taste test winner; one of the best summer fruits. Greenish mottled fruit with red flesh. Sweet, rich, tangy, early. Outstanding! Pollenize with Santa Rosa plum or any other pluot. The earliest pluot. June.

### *Pomegranates*

- Ambrosia Pomegranate** Very large fruit is pale pink, with very dark arils and juice. Sweet-tart, very rich flavor. Sept - Oct
- Desertnyi Pomegranate** Does very well here, rich flavor, orange skin, dark red arils, soft seeds.
- Parfianka Pomegranate** Does very well here. Highly rated for flavor. Great for juice or fresh eating. UC Davis introduction.

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**Wonderful Pomegranate** The standard large red-fruited variety. Showy orange-red flowers in May - June, high-quality fruit ripens in October - November.

### **Rhubarb**

**Rhubarb, Crimson Cherry** The reddest rhubarb, very tender and flavorful.

### **Weeping Mulberries**

**'Teas'** Weeping fruiting mulberry. Dramatic weeping form with attractive, dark green leaves. Mounds up slowly to 8' - 10'. Produces large quantities of mild-flavored, juicy fruit (stains clothing, Mom!). Birds love the fruit. Great focal point or accent. Availability limited.

### **Almonds**

**All-in-One Almond** Heavy producer, self-fruitful, great for home gardens.

### **Walnuts**

**Chandler Walnut** Very high quality nuts on a medium-large tree with huge crops. Late September.

### **Horseradish**

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