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# 2019/20 Fruit Tree Catalogue

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Home & Garden

# TERRA VIVA FRUIT TREES 2019/2020

## PLANTING YOUR TREE

Dig a hole that is at least twice as deep and twice as wide as the pot that your tree came in. In heavier soils digging a slightly deeper hole is recommended. Backfill your hole mixing in compost, sheep pellets. In heavier soils break up the sides of your hole as you backfill as smooth sides to the hole can cause it to act like a bucket and fill up with water. Plant the tree level with the ground, or in heavier soils, into a slight mound to improve drainage. Water is very important for the 1st 2-3 weeks. 2 buckets 3 times a week is recommended. Deep watering a few times a week is better than a little every day.

## ALMONDS

**ALMOND ALL-IN-ONE:** A Self-fertile: almond that is highly recommended for home orchards. Produces heavy crops of soft-shell nuts with a sweet flavour. Requires less winter chill than other varieties. Almonds blossom in late winter around August and for this reason it is good to plant them in a sheltered position where the blossom won't get damaged by strong winds or heavy frost. **Height:** 4.5m x 3.5m. **Ripens:** April. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**ALMOND GARDEN PRINCE:** The perfect little tree for a special place in the home garden, potager, courtyard garden or used as a container specimen. A delightful little tree which is both highly ornamental and very productive. Beautiful pink spring blossom develops into medium sized sweet nuts enclosed in soft, well-sealed shells. **Height:** 1.5m. **Ripens:** March- April. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## APPLES

**APPLE BALLERINA BOLERO:** Ballerina trees have no or few branches making them fantastic for small spaces. 'Bolero' has shiny green eating apples with a golden blush. The 'Ballerina' apples are easy to manage in that they seldom require pruning. **Pollinate** with Egremont Russet or Ariane or with another ballerina. **Height:** 4m x 30cm. **Ripens:** March. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE BALLERINA POLKA:** 'Polka' has medium sized fruit with green skin blushed red. The flesh is crisp and juicy with a very good flavor. **Pollinate** with Waltz, Egremont Russet or Ariane. **Height:** 4m x 30cm. **Ripens:** March. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE BALLERINA WALTZ:** This apple tree is ideal for court-yard and container planting as it has a natural narrow columnar habit. The fruit are green with a red blush, crisp and juicy flesh with a slight tang. **Pollinate** with Polka, Granny Smith or Crabapple Maypole. Deciduous. **Height:** 4m x 30cm. **Ripens:** March-April. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE BLUSH BABE:** Growing to just two metres tall with a mop head habit, this dwarf apple variety produces delicious full-sized crispy red fruit. Good natural disease resistance means little spraying is required, and little or no pruning is needed. One of the few self-fertile apples. **Height:** 2m. **Ripens:** Feb - March. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APPLE BRAEBURN:** Delicious, crisp, juicy flesh and superb sweet-tart flavour with a noticeably aromatic aftertaste. Excellent keeper. Late season. **Pollinators** include Early flowering varieties such as: Liberty, Discovery, Egremont Russet as well as any of the Ballerina series. **Height:** 3-3.5m x 2.5m. **Ripens:** April/May. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APPLE BRAMLEY:** A heritage apple of medium to large size. It has a firm flesh with a good flavour and is sweet with plenty of juice. Keeps very well. Tip and spur bearing. **Pollinators include:** Adore®, Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Golden Delicious, Pink Lady®, Baujade, Granny Smith, Blenheim Orange, Red Delicious, Initial, Royal Gala, Dayton, Kidd's Orange Red, Divine®, Freyberg and Monty's Surprise. **Ripens:** April/May. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APPLE COX'S ORANGE:** Cox's Orange is a sweet apple with rich and nutty flavoured flesh that is very aromatic, making this older variety still a hugely popular apple. This spur bearing variety ripens early to mid-season. **Pollinate** with Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Golden Delicious, Baujade, Granny Smith, Bramley's Seedling, Initial, Royal Gala, Kidd's Orange Red, Divine®, Laxton's Fortune, & Monty's Surprise. **Ripens:** Jan – March. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE DIVINE:** A red skinned apple with crisp, crunchy, juicy flesh with a firm texture. The tree has been bred for strong resistance to disease and is a perfect choice for organic gardens. Ripe towards the end of summer. Can be stored refrigerated for months. **Pollinators** include Royal Gala, Initial, Kidds Orange Red, Peasgood Nonsuch, Monty's Surprise, Baujade, Priscilla, Granny Smith and Freyburg. **Ripens:** April/May **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE FUJI:** Fuji is a large, sweet, crisp, fine textured, and complexly flavoured apple. This vigorous tree produces excellent eating fruit that store very well. A late season apple, Fuji has eating qualities that are similar to Red Delicious. Tip bearing. **Pollinators:** Tydemans Late Orange, Splendour, Sturmer Pippin & Worcester Permain. **Ripens:** May

**APPLE GALA:** A wonderful early season apple with a reddish-orange skin striped over a yellow background. This popular apple has a rich flavour accompanied by crisp, dense, and aromatic flesh that is a fantastic combination sweet and tart. Requires 600 chilling hours to set fruit. Tip bearing. Pollinate with Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Golden Delicious, Baujade, Granny Smith, Bramley's Seedling, Initial, Royal Gala, Kidd's Orange Red, Divine®, Laxton's Fortune, & Monty's Surprise. Height: m. **Ripens:** Feb – March. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE GOLDEN DELICIOUS:** Golden Delicious produces very sweet honey flavoured fruit, especially when tree ripened. Crops regularly and heavily. Apples ripen yellow. It produces on both tips and spurs. **Ripens:** May. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APPLE GRANNY SMITH:** A classic bright green apple with a tangy flavour and crisp white flesh. Keeps well. 'Granny Smith' flowers and fruit are produced on the branch tips - be mindful of this when pruning. **Pollinators** include mid-flowering varieties such as: Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Golden Delicious, Pink Lady®, Baujade, Priscilla, Blenheim Orange, Red Delicious, Bramley's Seedling, Initial, Royal Gala, Dayton, Kidd's Orange Red, Monty's Surprise. **Ripens:** April. **Self-fertile:** Yes (but another tree helps fruit set)

**APPLE IRISH PEACH:** Heritage Apple. Originating from Ireland in 1820. The skin is green with faint red stripes and the flesh is high quality with a very good flavour. This apple will not store well and is best eaten straight from the tree. This apple bears its fruit on the tips of the branches and it pays to be aware of this when pruning i.e. don't cut back all the strong leaders with fruiting tips. **Pollinators:** Egremont Russet, Granny Smith, Pink Lady

**APPLE KENTISH FILLBASKET:** Don't you just love the name which refers to the size of this large English cooking apple. The skin is pale green and streaked with red. A vigorous disease resistant variety that has been around since 1820. Makes delicious Apple Sauce. Would benefit from being **pollinated** by another variety of apple such as Cox's Orange Pippin, or Granny Smith.

**APPLE MONTY'S SURPRISE:** A NZ apple with strong disease resistance and very large, (up to 400grams) crisp and juicy fruit that are full of flavour. The skin of this apple has a high flavanoid count aiding human disease prevention. One of the highest antioxidant levels of all NZ produced apples. **Pollinators** include: Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Ariane, Golden Delicious, Pink Lady®, Baujade, Granny Smith, Priscilla, Blenheim Orange, Red Delicious, Bramley's Seedling, Initial, Royal Gala, Dayton, Divine® and Monty's Surprise. **Ripens:** April. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE MERTON RUSSET:** An English heritage apple dating back to 1921 noted for its russet brown, rough textured skin. The flesh is firm and crisp with a sweet flavour. Something different for your orchard. **Pollinate** with: Egremont Russet, Granny Smith, Irish Peach, Peasgood's Nonsuch.

**APPLE NORTHERN SPY:** Apples have a very late season, large and stout apple with carmine red skin married with streaks of yellow and pale green. Its tender-crisp flesh is creamy yellow and juicy. It imparts a bit of a tartness in its bite, but more of a cider-quality flavour with hints of pear and sweetness. **Pollination:** Fuji, Gala, Red Delicious **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE RED DELICIOUS:** Classic, heart shaped, red and shiny. While delicious for fresh eating straight off the tree 'Red Delicious' is a great cooking apple for pies and puddings or in a fresh salad. **Pollinators** include mid-flowering varieties such as: Gala, Peasgood Nonsuch, Cox's Orange Pippin, Pink Lady®, Baujade, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Blenheim Orange, Bramley's Seedling, Initial, Royal Gala, Dayton, Divine® and Monty's Surprise. **Height:** 3-4.5m. **Ripens:** March. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE SCALLYWAG:** A dwarf variety with good disease resistance. Large red apples. Thin for best results.

**Pollinate** with Teachers Pet or Little Rascal. **Height:** 2m. **Self-fertile:** No

**APPLE THUMBELINA® MINI APPLE CANDY CRUNCH™:** A cute new variety producing heavy crops of bite-sized apples that kids love. The fruit is ripe after the leaves have fallen in autumn, usually in May in most regions. Sweet, crisp and juicy fruit with bright red skin. Pretty white and pink spring blossoms. Grafted onto dwarf rootstock growing to just 2m tall. **Pollinators:** include Thumbelina Golden Crunch, as well as Crabapple trees.

**Ripens:** May, June. **Self-fertile:** No

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**APPLE TYDEMAN'S LATE ORANGE:** Tydeman's Late Orange is a heritage variety. This apple has an intensely strong, rich and aromatic flavour reminiscent of Cox's Orange Pippin. The fruit is of a medium size, has a purplish-red skin with yellow flesh and ripens late in the season. It has excellent storage qualities and the tree is vigorous and productive. Tendency to biennial bearing, so fruitlets should be thinned in December to try to avoid this. Spur bearing late in the season. **Pollinate** with: Fuji, Splendour, Sturmer. **Height:** m

**Ripens:** May. **Self-fertile:** No

## **APPLE DUAL**

**INITIAL/BAUJADE: Initial:** Destined for the winners podium! Highly recommended variety for home gardeners. An exceptionally good eating, early season red Gala-type apple with high aroma, low acid and high sugar. Easy to grow and tolerant to a large range of apple diseases. Spur bearing. **Baujade:** A French bred Granny Smith-type without the thick skin of a Granny Smith apple. Ripening late season. Medium size, sweet and aromatic.

**Ripens:** Mid/Late. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**LIBERTY/BAUJADE: Liberty:** Widely accepted as tops in flavour of the early apples. Bred for disease resistance. Attractive red blushed apples with crisp, juicy flesh and a well-balanced sweet-tart flavour. Flavour develops during storage. Braeburn Type. Heavy bearer. Spur bearing. **Baujade:** A French bred Granny Smith-type without the thick skin of a Granny Smith apple. Ripening late season. Medium size, sweet and aromatic. **Ripens:** Early/Late.

**Self-fertile:** Yes

**LIBERTY/SIR PRIZE: Liberty:** Widely accepted as tops in flavour of the early apples. Bred for disease resistance. Attractive red blushed apples with crisp, juicy flesh and a well-balanced sweet-tart flavour. Flavour develops during storage. Braeburn Type. Heavy bearer. Spur bearing. **Sir Prize:** Large yellow Golden Delicious-type apple with blush. Fruit is very juicy with crisp, tender flesh and is an excellent keeper. Mid to late season. Tip bearing. **Ripens:**

Early/Mid to Late. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## **APRICOTS**

Apricots are a versatile stone fruit that are one of the first to ripen in summer. Rich in minerals and vitamins, apricots are delicious eaten raw and can be used to make excellent jams, preserves, chutneys, pickles, puddings, sauces, stuffings and they dry very well too. Apricots grow on smallish trees that can be highly productive and require comparatively little effort as long as conditions are right. They are frost hardy, although blossom can be damaged by late spring frosts. Dwarf varieties make them suitable for growing in pots and containers so they are good for small gardens too. In NZ it is recommended that Apricots are summer pruned rather than the usual practice of pruning fruit trees in winter.

**Companions:** borage, chives, comfrey, strawberries, marigold, calendula.

**APRICOT CASTLEBRIGHT:** The semi-sweet Castlebright apricot is a reliable, early bearing variety that produces firm, bright orange fruit with a slight red blush. The medium-sized fruit offers delicious flavour. Early season variety bred in California. Plant in full sun. Deciduous. Fruits best when planted with another Apricot nearby

**Ripens:** Late Dec-Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT CLUTHALATE:** Cluthalate is a self-fertile, late season variety that ripens 30 days after Sundrop and 14 days after Moorpark. Its orange fruit is of medium size, with melting flesh that is sweet and juicy. Best grown in areas with cold winters and hot, dry summers. **Ripens:** Feb. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT EARLIRIL:** Freestone, medium-sized fruit, with equal halves with firm orange-yellow flesh and a fine texture. Lovely flavoursome fruit borne on a vigorous and productive, upright-spreading tree. Ripens before Sundrop. Orange blushed red skin. Meaty flavoursome flesh. **Pollination:** Sundrop. **Ripens:** Jan

**APRICOT GARDEN ANNIE:** A highly ornamental tree that is semi-dwarfing and well suited to home gardens. Garden Annie is an early season fruiting variety, with good sized bright yellow fruit that are firm and juicy as well as being semi-freestone. **Ripens:** December **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT GOLDRICH:** Goldrich fruit are large and oval, with firm, deep orange flesh and a fine texture, and have good flavour and quality. Vigorous and productive. Only partially self-fertile and should be cross-pollinated with Moorpark for best fruit set. **Ripens:** January. **Self-fertile:** partially

**APRICOT KATY COT:** Flavourful and freestone. Tree ripened fruit are incredibly good eating and ripen early in the season. **Ripens:** December **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT MOORPARK:** Moorpark is a freestone variety that has superbly flavoured fruit that are medium to large in size. Skin is deep yellow with orange blush that's fuzz free. The soft and juicy flesh of Moorpark allows the fruit to be suitable for fresh eating, bottling or drying. **Ripens:** January. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT NEWCASTLE EARLY:** A popular Apricot that produces prolific crops. The fruit are medium sized, golden yellow blushed red. Lovely and sweet for desserts/ fresh eating. A vigorous grower with a low winter chill requirement making it suitable for warmer areas. **Pollinate** with Sundrop. **Ripens:** Dec-Jan. **Self-fertile:** partially

**APRICOT ROYAL ROSA:** A self-fertile apricot that is a vigorous grower and shows good disease resistance. The tree bears heavy crops from a young age and the fruit is sweet, low acid and delicious. A disease hardy, low chill selection recommended for home gardens throughout New Zealand. **Ripens:** Dec. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT SKAHA:** Medium sized fruit, gold skin with firm flesh. Useful pollinator fruiting at Sundrop time. Pollinator: Sundrop. **Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** partially

**APRICOT SUNDROP:** Excellent cropper of large oval, yellow skinned fruit that are freestone with sweet and juicy flesh that ripens over a long season. Can be eaten fresh or used for preserving. Sundrop is partially self-fertile and suitable for many regions. **Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** partially

**APRICOT TOMCOT:** A very large, almost peach-sized fruit with a strong red blush over orange skin. High quality freestone fruit with an intense apricot flavour. Forms a compact tree, with masses of blossom in spring. Requires 600 chilling hours to set fruit. **Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**APRICOT TREVATT:** Large, sweet, and juicy, this golden yellow fruit ripens mid to late in season. Perfect for eating as well as bottling, this variety is recommended for most areas. **Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## **CHERRY TREES**

Cherry trees can grow to the height of a two-storey house (if wanting a smaller tree, go for a Compact Stella Cherry) and they often make an attractive, spreading shape. They are a cool climate tree in New Zealand, needing a cold spell in the middle of winter to stimulate production on flower buds and a dry summer to ripen fruit. They are frost hardy, although blossom can be damaged by late spring frosts. Cherries don't thrive in humid areas.

**CHERRY MONTMORENCY:** The most widely grown sour cherry in the USA, these cherries are great for cherry pie and juice. Bright red skin with white flesh. Ripens between Christmas and New Years. Requires 700 chilling hours for fruit set. Sour/Tart. **Ripens:** Dec – Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**CHERRY STELLA:** Compact Stella is a heavy and regular bearer of large dark red fruit of heart shape. Firm light red fleshed fruit glistens in time for Christmas picking. Tree is smaller growing and hardy. **Height:** 2.5x2.5m. **Ripens:** December. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**DWARF CHERRY Griotella™:** Stunning white spring blossoms produce bright red fruit in summer. A Morello tart type used for Kirsch, tarts and preserves. A smaller stature tree growing to about 2m tall. **Ripens:** January  
**Self-fertile:** Yes

**CHERRY DBLE DAWSON/LAPINS:** Double Graft Sweet Cherry. **Dawson:** Dark black coloured skin and dark, sweet, red flesh. Medium sized fruit. Ripens around December. **Lapins** - Large firm dark red fruit that are sweet and juicy. Good resistance to skin splitting and a reliable producer.

## FIGS

**Figs are an expensive delicacy in shops – even during harvest time – and the fruits are a real taste of summer. Trees can produce a huge crop of fruits between autumn and the onset of winter. Without restraint they can grow quite large but they do respond very well to pruning and can be planted in pots or trained against the side of a house or fence in an espalier . Container grown figs are great for small garden.**

**FIG BROWN TURKEY:** Fast growing, bearing masses of tasty fruit with rich flavour and pink flesh. Will bear two crops a year, early Summer and Autumn. Prefers a light, well drained, neutral soil in full sun and appreciate plenty of water while the fruit is developing. Fantastic for the home orchard. Awesome for fresh eating.

**Height:** 5m x 4m. **Ripens:** Feb-April. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**FIG FRENCH SUGAR:** This highly ornamental tree produces medium sized fruit with green skin and red sweet flesh. Will crop best if grown in a warm sheltered spot. Deciduous. It is important not to let your Fig tree dry out completely in summer as this will affect the fruit. Pick your figs towards the end of summer (when the fruit bends at the neck) and leave 2 to 3 days to soften before eating. This variety will store well in the fridge.

**Height:** 5m x 4m. **Ripens:** Feb/March. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**FIG SWEET BLACK:** This fig tree is highly ornamental as well as providing us with a delicious edible fruits. Broad lobed glossy green foliage and sweet fruit that ripens around March. Needs a sheltered sunny spot away from harsh winds and frost. Vigorous grower. Deciduous. **Height:** 5m x 4m. **Ripens:** Dec – Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**FIG MRS WILLIAMS:** A very attractive tree that has the bonus of 2 crops of large fruit per year in January and April. The fruit is dark brown with red flesh and delicious. Plant in a sunny well drained position with protection from harsh frost. **Height:** 5m x 4m. **Ripens:** Jan/April. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## HAZELNUT

**WHITEHEART:** *Corylus avellana*. New Zealand's most popular hazelnut grown mainly for processing. Good crops of small round nuts. Tree has low vigour. Good yields of medium size nuts of excellent flavour. Pollinators include Alexandra, Auckland No 2 and Merveille de Bollwiller. **Ripens:** Feb **Self-fertile:** No

## MEDLAR

**MEDLAR:** 2-2.5m. Something a little different , you won't find these in the shops. The fruit tastes like apple-butter and remain on the tree after leaf fall for an amazing autumn display. Highly ornamental smaller tree (3 metres), that has been grown since ancient times for it's edible fruit. The distinctive brown fruit have rough textured skin. Allow fruit to remain on the tree as long as possible into winter and harvest when it picks easily. Store in a cool dry place and eat when the skin and flesh have softened. Medlar fruit can be eaten raw or cooked. **Ripens:** Autumn  
**Self-fertile:** Yes

## NASHI

**PEAR CRISPIE:** HYBRID EUROPEAN PEAR/ASIAN PEAR. A cross between 'Nijisseiki' and 'Max Red Bartlett'. The fruit is characterised by its' pear shape, smooth yellow skin, crisp texture and 'Bartlett' type flavour when fully ripe. **Ripens:** late February. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**REDDY ROBIN:** The Reddy Robin looks and tastes like an apple but has the skin and texture of a pear. It is a NZ bred hybrid of European and Asian pears with stunning, almost fluorescent pinkish-red skin. **Ripens:** Late Feb- early Mar. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## NECTARINES

Actually the same species as peaches, nectarines lack the peach's fuzzy skins.

**NECTARINE FLATTO® 'BUTTON BRIGHT™'**: Produces large crops of sweet, tasty, yellow-fleshed fruit in mid-late summer. The fruit weighs between 100-140g each. During spring, 50 blossoms cover each metre of branching.

**Ripens:** Jan – Feb. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**GARDEN DELIGHT:** Large juicy freestone fruit with red skin and yellow flesh. A low chilling requirement makes Garden Delight ideal for warmer regions. Attractive large pink blossom. **Ripens:** Feb-Mar **Self-fertile:** Yes

**NECTARINE GOLDMINE:** An old favourite. Medium sized white-fleshed freestone fruit that is juicy and sweet. Mid season. An old favourite variety which is very productive. Tree is vigorous. **Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**NECTARINE NECTAR BABE:** Sweet, yellow, juicy, freestone flesh. Deep pink blossom. Low chilling requirement. Best planted with Honey Babe or near another nectarine or peach to aid pollination.

**Height:** 2m. **Ripens:** Late Jan. **Self-fertile:** Partially

**NECTARINE RED GOLD:** A large, proven late season nectarine with a sweet flavour, rivalling some peach varieties. Deep red skin with gold blush and a deep yellow flesh that easily separates from the stone. **Ripens:** Feb.

**Self-fertile:** Yes

## PEACH

**PEACH BLACK BOY:** Blackboy is a collective name for around six varieties of red fleshed peaches which were imported predominantly from France in the early 20th Century. A stunning peach with a dark wine coloured outer and inner. The rich, juicy, textured flesh is absolutely delicious. **Height:** 3-6m. **Ripens:** Late March.

**Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEACH CAMDEN:** Heritage Peach. A popular Peach with orchardists as it is a reliable producer that shows disease resistance. The medium sized yellow fruit are very juicy with a rich flavour. Clingstone. Plant in a sunny well drained spot. Deciduous. **Ripens:** around December. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEACH FLATTO™ 'SWEET BONNET™'**: Produces large crops of sweet, tasty, yellow-fleshed fruit in early-mid February. The fruit weighs between 100-130g each. During spring, 50 blossoms cover each metre of branching.

**Ripens:** Feb. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEACH GOLDEN QUEEN:** This classic variety needs no introduction. Originates from 1908 - New Zealand. A true favourite for bottling and an excellent eater. Firm deep orange flesh and deep yellow-orange skin. Fruit is slightly flat. Clingstone. Late season. **Ripens:** Feb. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEACH ROSE CHIFFON:** This peach delights in both early spring with its beautiful double rose red blossom and again during late summer with its bounty of good eating, juicy, white fleshed fruit. Dwarf.

**Height:** 1.5m-2m. **Ripens:** March. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEACHCOT:** A peach/apricot cross. Golden late season fruit that are very sweet and tasty with a firm, meaty texture. An attractive red blush on the skin develops on the sun-exposed side of the fruit. Late season variety.

**Ripens:** Jan. **Self-fertile:** Yes

## DWARF PEACHES

**DWARF PEACH BONANZA:** Yellow freestone peach with red blush. Large, sweet fruit, low in acid, with a mild, refreshing flavour. Highly attractive in both blossom and fruit. **Ripens:** Jan/Feb **Self-fertile:** Yes

**DWARF PEACH HONEY BABE:** Medium to large fruit with orange, sweet juicy flesh and tangy flavour. Showy pink flowers. Fruits best near other peaches or nectarines for cross pollination. Honey Babe will often be evergreen through the winter, which has no negative effects on it's fruit production. **Ripens:** Feb

## PEARS

Pears produce a large crop of fruits in autumn that are delicious raw, cooked, preserved or used in baking. They are probably the most reliable pip fruit we can grow in our gardens, needing little in the way of specialized care or feeding. They grow well on many soils and in a wide range of climates. One or two well looked after trees in your garden can reward you with a bumper harvest of around 30kg – 40kg of fruits per tree.

- Harvest pears when they are mature but still hard. Ripen the pears at room temperature for the best quality.
- To store pears, pick them when they are fully grown but still very hard. You can keep them in the refrigerator; they should last for about 1 week. You can also keep in containers in a cool (about 5°C), dark place; they should keep for 1 to 2 months.
- You can also can the pears for longer storage.

**PEAR CONFERENCE:** NZ's most popular pear. Crops very well with delicious juicy fruit that are quite long and narrow in shape. The flesh is rich and aromatic with a slight pink tinge when ripe. Attractive, smooth khaki-green skin. **Pollinate** with Williams Bon Chretien. **Height:** 3m. **Ripens:** Feb/March. **Self-fertile:** No

**PEAR WILLIAM BON CHRETIEN:** A sweet and delicious pear which is popular for desserts and bottling. This pear has an Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society. **Pollinate** with Beurre Bosc or Winter Nelis. **Height:** 3m. **Ripens:** Jan/Feb. **Self-fertile:** No

## PEAR DUAL

**PEAR CONFERENCE / PEAR DOYENNE DU COMICE:** **Conference:** Long necked green fruit with some russeting and good juicy flavour. Mid season. A great choice for home gardens. Tree is moderately vigorous and partly spreading. April. **Doyenne du Comice:** Large Classic gourmet pear. Green skin flushed red with white, melting juicy flesh of rich flavour. Tastes like sweetened cinnamon. Mid to late season. Upright and vigorous habit. High chilling hours needed to set fruit. **Ripens:** April- May **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PEAR DOUBLE: RED BARTLETT/ DOYENNE DU COMICE:** **Doyenne du Comice:** Large classic gourmet pear. Green skin flushed red with white, melting juicy flesh of rich flavour. Tastes like sweetened cinnamon. Mid to late season. Upright and vigorous habit. High chilling hours needed to set fruit.. **Ripens:** April- May. **Red Bartlett:** A popular and highly ornamental Pear with aromatic melting flesh. This pear has beautiful wine-purple skin turning brilliant scarlet when ripe, great for dessert or bottling. **Ripens:** around February..

## PLUM

Plums are a good choice for beginner gardeners who want to grow fruit trees. Plum trees are widely adapted, more compact, and require less treatment than most fruit trees. Not only are plums delicious, but the trees themselves add beauty to any garden.

**PLUM BILLINGTON:** First plum with dark red skin and flesh to ripen. Crops heavily around Christmas. All purpose plum with good sweet flavour. A cross variety. **Ripens:** Dec -Jan **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PLUM BLACK DORIS:** Excellent all purpose plum. Fruit is of medium size, with purple black skin and dark red sweet, juicy flesh. Vigorous, upright tree habit. Mid season. **Pollinators** for Black Doris include - Billington, Duff's Early Jewel, Elephant Heart and Santa Rosa. **Ripens:** Feb. **Self-fertile:** No

**PLUM COE'S GOLDEN DROP:** European. Large rich, juicy, golden fruit with a delicious flavour. **Pollinate** with Damson, Reine Claude de Bavay, Italian and Stanley. **Ripens:** March. **Self-fertile:** Partially

**PLUM DAMSON:** A highly productive variety of small tart oval fruit with blue skin and yellow flesh. Best eaten when fully ripe or used for bottling. A compact grower that is best in colder areas. European variety. Birds don't eat as much, awesome for jam **Height:** 5m. **Ripens:** Late Jan/ Mid Feb. **Self-fertile:** Yes



**PLUM GREENGAGE:** Very popular, succulent, sweet, smaller fruit with delicious flavour. European variety.

**Pollinators** include - Coe's Golden Drop, Damson, Reine Claude de Bavay and Italian. **Ripens:** March.

**Self-fertile:** No

**PRUNE ITALIAN:** The world's most popular prune plum. Dark purple skin with light amber flesh that turns red when cooked. Freestone with fine textured, rich flavour and sweet flesh. Vigorous, cold hardy tree. **Ripens:** Feb.

**Self-fertile:** Yes, but cross pollination gives heavier crops

**PLUM OMEGA:** Popular with a host of uses. Medium sized, red speckled skin and red juicy flesh. Free stone. A cross variety. Late season. **Pollinators** include Billington, Burbank, Duff's Early Jewel, Elephant Heart, Santa Rosa and Sultan. **Ripens:** Feb. **Self-fertile:** No

**PLUM SANTA ROSA:** Firm sweet juicy fruit that is highly aromatic. Considered to be one of the best tasting plums in the world! The skin is crimson to purple and the flesh is yellow blushed pink. Hardy and vigorous. **Pollinate** with Omega or Black Doris. **Ripens:** Dec- Jan. **Self-fertile:** No

**PLUM SHIRO:** Great small, very hardy tree with fruit that can be cooked now or frozen for later. Fruit are large, golden, sweet and juicy and produced early in the season. Best **pollinated** by Santa Rosa. **Ripens:** Jan.

**Self-fertile:** No

**PRUNE STANLEY:** Prolific producer. Dark blue skinned smaller fruit with sweet and juicy golden flesh. Self-fertile: and useful pollinator. Fruit is bigger and sweeter if the crop is thinned while small. Late season. **Ripens:** Feb - Mar.

**Self-fertile:** Yes, but cross pollination gives heavier crops

## **PLUMCOT**

**PLUMCOT SCARLET SUNRISE:** A cross between an apricot and a plum. Red/purple coloured skin and yellow flesh. Very sweet and full of flavour. Self-fertile:, however will produce more fruit if another variety is planted nearby.

Prefers well drained fertile soil. **Ripens:** Dec. **Self-fertile:** Yes

**PLUMCOT SPRING SATIN:** A plum-apricot cross, which combines the spritely plum flavour with the sweetness of apricot. The large reddish-black skinned fruit has golden flesh that is very sweet and flavoursome. An early season variety. **Cross pollinate** with any Japanese plum flowering at the same time, including Santa Rosa. **Ripens:** Jan.

**Self-fertile:** Yes

## **QUINCE**

Quince trees produce a large crop of fruits in autumn that have an aromatic, spicy fragrance to them. Quinces are hard when ripe and are cooked before being eaten. They are often poached, baked, stewed or added to apple pies. Quince paste is a delicacy that goes particularly well with cheese. Quince trees form an attractive umbrella shape and the golden yellow fruits look great when they are ripe in late summer and early autumn. Quinces grow well on many soils and in a wide range of climates.