

# Citrus Varieties

VARIETY	SEASON	SEEDS	SIZE	FRUIT	TREE
<b>ORANGES</b>					
Ambersweet	Nov-Jan	varies	2½-3¼"	large yields; large fruit; good juice color; peels fairly easily; good to eat and juice	med-large, dense, upright tree; fairly cold hardy; more productive with age
Blood Oranges: Moro Sanguinelli	Jan-Mar Feb-Apr	few few	2-2¾" 2-2½"	orange flesh with red streaks (after cold winters); very juicy; excellent sweet unique flavor (berry overtones)	Moro = medium size, vigorous & spreading; Sanguinelli = medium-small size, very productive; fairly easy to peel
Early Gold	early Nov-Jan	no	3-3¼"	like Hamlin but bigger & better size & color; good for juicing and eating	Valencia-like orange recently introduced from Brazil; fairly large & vigorous tree
Hamlin	late Nov-Jan	no	2¾-3"	sweet; easy to peel; excellent for eating or juice; high fruit yields; cold hardy	medium size; vigorous; fruit holds long on tree; major commercial variety
Itaborai	early Nov-Jan	no	3-3¼"	like Hamlin but bigger & better size & color; good for juicing and eating	Valencia-like orange recently introduced from Brazil; fairly large & vigorous tree
King	Mar-Jun	yes	4-5"	one of the largest mandarins; thickest peel; easy to peel & section; good flavor	medium-large, upright, spreading tree; unique old variety; ancient natural hybrid
Midsweet	Jan-Mar	yes	2¾-3"	very productive; cold hardy; excellent to eat and juice; holds well on tree	medium-large, vigorous tree; juice quality rivals that of Hamlin & Pineapple
Navel	Nov-Feb	no	3-3½"	large; sweet; easy to peel & section; good eating but juice has short shelf life	medium-sized, moderately vigorous tree with slightly drooping habit
Page	Nov-Feb	varies	2-2½"	outstanding quality; rich, sweet taste; dark orange color; good for eating & juicing	medium-large, vigorous, productive tree; cold hardy; Minneola-Clementine hybrid
Parson Brown	Nov-Jan	yes	2½-2¾"	juicy; sweet; high quality low acid juice; fruit stores well on tree up to 5 months	large, fairly productive tree; excellent juice orange; dark-colored flrsh
Pineapple	Dec-Feb	yes	2¾-3"	sweet; excellent eating and juice; distinctive flavor; popular old variety	medium-sized; moderately vigorous; productive; major commercial variety
Red Navel (Cara Cara)	Nov-Jan	no	3-3½"	just like Navel, but flesh is red, sweeter & juicier (color not dependent on cold)	tree and outside appearance of fruit is the same as Navel
Roble	Dec-Feb	yes	2½-2¾"	one of the sweetest oranges; good for juicing and eating; thick rind peels easily	currently in testing to determine most compatible rootstock; declines on Swingle
Rohde Red Valencia	Mar-Jun	no	2¾-3"	richer flavor, deeper color & lower acid than Valencia; good for eating and juicing	improved Valencia: richer flavor, deeper color & lower acid
Ruby Sweet	mid-Nov-Jan	no	3-3¼"	like Hamlin but bigger & better size & color; good for juicing and eating	Valencia-like orange recently introduced from Brazil; fairly large & vigorous tree
Satsuma Mandarin	Oct-Dec	no	2¼-2½"	excellent eating; juicy; low on acid; thick skin peels easily	compact, medium small tree; most cold hardy of oranges & mandarins
Temple	Jan-Mar	yes	2¾-3"	superior quality; rich and spicy; peels easily; excellent for eating or juicing	medium-small tree; spreading, weepy & rather shrubby; tangerine-orange hybrid
Valencia	Mar-Jun	no	2¾-3"	juicy, sweet; good to eat or juice; the standard by which all oranges are rated	large, beautiful tree; fruit holds well to 5 months; most widely planted in the world
Vernia	Feb-May	yes	3-3¼"	very much like Valencia, but harvests a month earlier	Valencia-like orange recently introduced from Brazil; fairly large & vigorous tree
Westin	mid-Nov-Jan	yes	3-3½"	like Hamlin but bigger & better size & color; good for juicing and eating	Valencia-like orange recently introduced from Brazil; fairly large & vigorous tree
<b>TANGELOS</b>					
Minneola (Honeybell)	Jan-Mar	no	3-3½"	very sweet, low acid & extremely juicy; bell-shape at stem end of the fruit	beautiful large, dense tree; very cold hardy; vigorous & fairly productive
Nova	Nov-Dec	varies	2¾-3"	similar to Orlando tangelo; very cold hardy; juicy and sweet; earliest tangelo	medium-sized, upright & compact tree; Orlando-Clementine tangerine hybrid
Orlando	Nov-Jan	0 to few	2¾-3"	deep orange color at maturity; cold hardy; sections well; bears fruit in 3-4 years	medium-large tree with cupped leaves; serves as pollinizer for many hybrids
Ortanique	Feb-Apr	varies	3-3½"	large, sweet and juicy; good for eating or juicing; bears fruit when young	large, spreading tree; cold hardy; only late season tangelo; a favorite in Jamaica
<b>TANGERINES</b>					
Clementine	Nov-Mar	varies	2¼-2½"	sweet, juicy, fragrant fruit peels easily & holds well on tree; long growing season	medium-small, dense, weepy tree; moderate grower; very showy at harvest
Daisy	Nov-Jan	few	2¼-2½"	easy to peel, sweet, juicy, one of the best tasting tangerines!	medium-small sized somewhat unattractive tree, but the fruit is more than worth it!
Dancy	Dec-Jan	yes	2¼-2½"	loose thin "zipper" skin peels & fruit segments easily; rich flavor; sweet & juicy	large, vigorous tree; leading commercial variety; one of the best Florida tangerines
Fallglo	Nov-Dec	yes	2¾-3¼"	excellent eating; juicy and tart; dark orange skin color; one of the largest tangerines	bushy, med-sized tree; consistent crops; orange-Temple hybrid released in 1987
Murcott (Honey) & W. Murcott	Jan-Apr	yes	2¾"	cold hardy; thin peel easy to remove; low acid; sweetest of the tangerines; excellent flavor; W. Murcott sweeter & juicier	bushy, med-sized, upright tree with rigid, open growth habit; appreciates pruning; hybrid of tangerine and orange (tangor)
Ponkan (Chinese Honey)	Dec-Jan	yes	2¾-3¼"	peels easily; excellent eating; aromatic; low acid; rich & sweet; large size fruit	medium-sized, vigorous tree with an upright habit; very cold hardy
Robinson	Oct-Dec	varies	2½-2¾"	sweet; excellent eating; cross-pollinate for better yields and larger fruit size	cold hardy; medium size, upright, dense & spreading; bushy, dense foliage
Sunburst	mid Nov-late Dec	yes	2½-3"	thin skin peels easily; rich flavor; pollinizer will increase yields and fruit size	medium-size; upright & spreading shape; moderately vigorous and cold hardy

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<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b>					
Duncan	Dec-Mar	yes	3½-5"	very juicy; good for sectioning; very productive, holds well on tree	large, vigorous tree; cold hardy; standard by which grapefruit juice is measured
<b>Red Grapefruits:</b> Ruby Red (Redblush)	Dec-Mar	no	3½-4½"	flesh sweet & pale pink in color; major commercial variety	large tree; vigorous; excellent annual fruit yield;
Flame Red	Dec-Mar	no	3½-4" 3½-4"	sweeter & redder flesh than Ruby Red; no bitterness	shows sensitivity to some herbicides
Rio Red	Dec-Mar	no	3¾-4½"	sweeter & redder flesh than Flame Red; no acid bitterness	large tree; vigorous; productive
Star Ruby	Dec-Mar	no	3½-4"	sweetest & reddest of red grapefruits; dark pink blush on peel	medium-large tree; vigorous; sensitive to herbicides!
Thompson Pink	Dec-Mar	no	3¾-4½"	very juicy sweet-sour fruit; pink blush on peel & pink flesh; good for eating & juice	large tree; very vigorous & highly productive; fruit holds well on tree
White Marsh	Dec-Mar	no	3¾-4½"	delicious sweet flavor; very juicy; holds well on tree; used commercially for juice	large tree; vigorous; very productive
<b>LEMONS</b>					
Bears (Sicilian)	Jul-Dec	few	2½-3½"	used for juice and ice tea; cold sensitive	vigorous tree; thorny; commercial variety
Eureka	Aug-Dec	few	2¾-3½"	high acid fruit; major commercial variety fruit grows larger in Florida than California	med-size; moderately vigorous; somewhat open habit; major commercial variety
Lisbon	Aug-Dec	few	2½-3¾"	high acid fruit; major commercial variety fruit grows larger in Florida than California	medium-large tree; vigorous; productive; a little more cold-hardy than Eureka
Meyer	Sep-Feb	few	2½-4"	round and smooth; thin peel with no zest; very juicy; low acidity; "sweet lemon"	medium-small tree; vigorous and very productive; most cold-hardy lemon
Pink (Variegated)	Jun-Sep	few	1¾-2¼"	delicious fruit, juicy & acidic; source of pink lemonade; fruit softens after harvest	small tree with variegated leaves & fruit; beautiful specimen tree; cold-sensitive
Ponderosa	everbearing	yes	3½-5"	novelty fruit for its large size & thick peel; delicious taste; juicy and acidic	medium-small tree; vigorous; fruit holds well on tree; cold sensitive
<b>LIMES</b>					
Kaffir Lime (Makrut)	Feb-Apr	yes	1¼-2"	leaves and grated rind are an essential spice in Thai & southeast Asian cooking	small tree with distinctive "double" leaves & bumpy fruit; medium cold hardy
Key Lime (Mexican) (Bartender's Lime)	everbearing	few	1¼-1¾"	used for drinks & juice when picked green; used for pie when picked yellow	medium-small upright tree; vigorous; bears fruit almost all year; very cold sensitive
Limequat, Eustis	everbearing	few	1¼-1¾"	cross between Key Lime & Kumquat; fruit same as Key Lime, but more oblong in appearance	small weepy tree; vigorous; thornier than Key Lime; productive; bears fruit almost all year; more cold hardy than Key Lime
Limequat, Tavares	everbearing	few	1¼-1¾"	cross between Key Lime & Kumquat; fruit same as Key Lime, but more oblong in appearance	small weepy tree; vigorous; thornier than Key Lime; productive; bears fruit almost all year; more cold hardy than Key Lime
Palestine Sweet Lime	winter-spring	few	1¼-2"	juicy & sub-acid in flavor; not a true lime but has lime taste; makes a great drink	medium-sized tree with irregular spreading habit
Persian (Tahiti)	June-Sept	no	1¾-2½"	tart, flavorful & juicy; closest to supermarket variety; high acid content	medium-small tree; vigorous; productive; cold-sensitive
<b>KUMQUATS</b>					
Centennial Kumquat	Dec-May	few	1¼-1¾"	variegated form of Nagami Kumquat	variegated form of Nagami Kumquat
Marumi Kumquat	Dec-May	few	1"	sweet-sour oblong fruit; eaten fresh or used for jellies, jams, candies, marmalade, etc..	small tree; highly productive; symmetrical growth habit; very cold hardy
Meiwa Kumquat	Dec-May	few	1-1½"	spicy-sweet round fruit; eaten fresh or used for preserves, jams, cakes, candies, etc.	small tree; highly productive; symmetrical growth habit; very cold hardy
Nagami Kumquat	Dec-May	few	1¼-1¾"	tart oblong fruit a favorite with kids; eaten fresh or used in jellies, candies, jams, etc.	small tree; highly productive; symmetrical growth habit; very cold hardy
<b>CITRONS</b>					
Buddha's Hand Citron	fall-winter	yes	6-8"	yellow hand-shaped fruit; pervasive aromatic fragrance; candied rind used in fruit cake & salads, marinades, etc.	small (6-10+ feet) rounded shrub serves as an excellent specimen planting; grows well in a large pot; needs protection from cold
Etrog Citron	June-Sept	yes	6-8"	if not picked early, large oval fruit will continue to enlarge on tree for years; peel is yellow & bumpy; used in Jewish ritual	large slow-growing shrub (to 8 feet or more); oldest cultivated citrus (records date to 4000BC; needs protection from cold
<b>OTHER</b>					
Calamondin	Dec-May	yes	1¼-1½"	tart-sweet fruit used for drinks, jelly, marmalades, breads, cakes, etc..	small columnar tree; very productive & cold tolerant; beautifully ornamental
Oroblanco Citrumelo	Dec-March	no	3½-4"	delicious sweet grapefruit taste without acidic bitterness; easy to peel & segment; thick rind; honey-colored flesh	large fast-growing tree; highly vigorous; productive; Duncan grapefruit-pummelo hybrid; cold hardy
Pummelo, Pink "Hirado Buntan"	Dec-May	no	5-7"	very large fruit; low acidity; excellent in fruit salads; possible grapefruit ancestor	large tree; vigorous; excellent landscape specimen; very cold tolerant
Sambokan "sweet lemon"		few	3½-4"	large fruit more related to grapefruit than lemon; tastes like a sweet lemon	large tree; vigorous; fast growing; cold hardy