

Gray Barn Green Thumb Guide



Favorite Fruit Trees



Oriental Pear Trees

- **Chojuro** Medium round, brown-skinned, mildly sweet, texture, firm and crisp. Ripens mid-August.
- **Housi** Medium-large brown skinned pear. Crisp sweet flavor. Ripens September.
- **Nijisseiki** Medium round, greenish yellow-skinned, firm, crisp and juicy, good to excellent quality. Ripens late August.
- **Shinglo** Golden brown skin, sweet, juicy, excellent flavor. Ripens early August.
- **Shinseiki** Medium, round, yellow-skinned, crisp and juicy. Ripens mid-August.

Pear Trees

- **Anjou** Medium to large, fine flavor, good keeper. Mid-late ripening.
- **Bartlett** Medium to large thin-skinned, very sweet and tender. Excellent eating and canning. Ripens early September.
- **Colette** High quality, medium size pear. Waxy yellow with pink cheeks. Sweet, juicy with a spicy flavor. Continues to flower and fruit from August until it freezes.
- **Comice** Large fruit, thick-skinned. Best when stored 1-2 months.
- **Flemish Beauty** Medium to large, yellow with red blush, fine flavor, good canner. Ripens just after Bartlett, fruit best when ripened off tree.
- **Rescue** Large, sweet mild flavor, orange-yellow skin and good producer. Ripens late August.

Cherry Trees

- **Bing** Top quality, large, juicy and sweet black cherry. Ripens mid-season.
- **Rainier** Yellow skin with pink blush, good pollinizer. Ripens few days before Bing.
- **Sam** Large, jet-black, firm, heart-shaped fruits of good quality. Highly resistant to cracking, good pollinizer, ripens one week earlier than Bing.
- **Stella** Red fruit, **self-fertile**, good pollinizer. Ripens mid-season.
- **Surefire** Late flowering and **self-fertile**. Tolerates frosts and produces crack resistant crops. Fire engine red color. Highly regarded, the first sour cherry.
- **Van** Black, shiny fruit, firmer and slightly smaller than Bing and ripens about same time. Heavy bearing tree and a good pollinizer.

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Apple Trees



- **Akane** Attractive red ‘lunch box’ apple, dessert quality, excellent tart, sprightly flavor. Ripens late August to September.
- **Braeburn** Medium size golden red apple. Excellent flavor, matures late, keeps well.
- **Chehalis** Large yellow-green, mild sweet flavor, juicy and crisp eating apple. Resists scab. Ripens mid-September to Early October.
- **Fuji** Sweet tart flavor, yellowish apple with orange-red blush stripes.
- **Gala** Bright scarlet stripe over yellow. Excellent quality. Mildew resistant.
- **Golden Sentinal** Large yellow fruit ripens mid-September. Good eating and baking. Upright narrow growth 8-12 feet.
- **Granny Smith** Large green apple, tart. Late maturing.
- **Gravenstein** Red striped over deep yellow, firm, juicy, crisp, excellent flavor. All-time favorite. Ripens early Fall. Not a reliable pollinator.
- **Honeycrisp** Big red apple, crisp, juicy. Keeps well. Ripens late September.
- **Jonagold** Red striped over yellow background. Good dessert and canning apple. Ripens late October.
- **Liberty** Red, crisp and juicy. Disease resistant variety. Ripens October.
- **Pink Lady** Large crisp, sweet, tart apple. Pink blush, yellow skin. Early bloom.
- **Red Mactintosh** Medium--large bright red apple with white, tender flesh. Ripens fall.
- **ScarletSentinal** Large yellow with red blush. Juicy sweet. Ripens late September. Good keeper, compact form, 8-10 feet.
- **Spartan** Medium, dark red, crisp, excellent flavor. Good storage. Tree needs thinning due to heavy bearing. Ripens mid-October.
- **Yellow Delicious** Yellow, aromatic, crisp, excellent eating, and cooking. Ripens late.
- **Yellow Transparent** Med-large, tender, tart, good for cooking. Ripens late Jul-Aug.

Plum Trees



- **Green Gage** Medium, round, greenish yellow with amber flesh. Sweet, good flavor, good for eating, cooking, canning or jam. Ripens mid-season. **Self-fertile.**
- **Imperial Epineuse** European type, medium sized oval fruit, purple-blue skin, yellow flesh, freestone, firm, sweet, great for fresh eating and drying. Very productive. Ripens mid-August.
- **Hollywood** Pink flowers early. Purple foliage, very good eating and canning plum. Upright. **Self-fertile.**
- **Italian Prune** Medium, purplish black sweet. Excellent fresh, canned or dried. Ripens mid-season. **Self-fertile.**

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Peach and Nectarine



- **Frost Peach** Leaf curl resistant. Medium to large fruit, yellow flesh, freestone, good quality and producer. Ripens mid-August. **Self-fertile.**
- **Hardy Red Nectarine** New promising variety for the Northwest. Red skinned with golden blush, yellow flesh. Ripens mid-August. Excellent flavor. **Self-fertile.**

Resources:

Fruit Handbook for Western Washington, Washington State University Extension, by G.A. Moulton and J. King

Crop Protection Guide for Tree Fruits in Washington, Washington State University Extension

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/ag29.html>

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/garden/07003.html>.