

Frequently Asked Questions About Rare Fruits



Yes, you can grow mangos in San Diego!

What is a rare fruit?

There has been some debate of what is a 'rare' fruit. A fruit is considered to be rare because it is:

- **not normally grown in a particular area** (in our case, the Jaboticaba is a rare tree in San Diego, but not in Brazil),
- **scarce** or about to be **extinct**,
- of **unusual properties**, such as the Miracle Fruit which changes the sense of taste,
- a **new species** that has recently been introduced or discovered,
- a species that has **not been grown commercially** in San Diego.

(by J. M. Gallego)

Where can I find information about rare fruit?

[Fruit Facts](#) are a series of publications prepared by the [California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.](#) It contains information on individual fruits, including botanical identification, plant description and culture notes, and characteristics of cultivars. The information is derived from growers' experience based largely on California research, as well as various published sources. Fruit Facts can be found here: <http://www.crfg.org/pubs/frtfacts.html>

Can I plant rare fruit trees in my garden?

To answer this question you first need to know what is the coldest temperature in your garden. CRFG members have prepared an excellent guide to selecting rare fruit based on their tolerance to lowest overnight temperatures that are likely to occur in the winter months.

What is the CRFG Organization?

Purpose:

"To encourage and foster public and scientific interest, research, education in and the preservation of rare fruit plants that have edible seeds, fruit, leaves, stems or roots and are not commonly grown commercially. The furtherance and encouragement of these activities shall be for the benefit of the public rather than commercial interests."

Founded in 1968, California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc. (CRFG) is the largest amateur fruit-growing organization in the world, with members in 48 states and U.S. territories, and 30 countries. The worldwide membership of CRFG includes many nationally recognized botanical gardens, rare fruit enthusiasts, commercial fruit growers, and internationally recognized horticultural researchers. The organization has a general interest in all aspects of fruit growing with a primary focus on subtropical fruit and uncommon fruit and vege-



Moro Oranges

tables. For further information please visit the award winning site of the California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc. (www.CRFG.org)

What makes growing rare fruit so important?

New fruit is constantly being discovered or developed into new cultivars with possibilities of commercial ventures for California fruit producers. Also, to preserve rare fruit from becoming extinct due to the mindless exploitation of areas such as the rain forests.

When and where are the meetings of the San Diego Chapter?

From January through October we meet the **fourth Wednesday** of the month at 7:00pm in Room 101, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Check the Calendar of Events in our web site. Please check our website for the November and December meetings.

Where do I register to become a Member of the San Diego Chapter?

To become a member of the San Diego Chapter you must be also member of CRFG, Inc. For an application and current membership information, please contact us at (858) 876-CRFG (2734) or email us at Membership@CRFGSanDiego.Org



**California Rare Fruit Growers,
San Diego Chapter**

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The San Diego Chapter provides the following benefits and services to its members:

Monthly Newsletter

Every month, members receive our newsletter about chapter activities and events.

CRFG Articles and Presentations

Besides articles published in our newsletter, Chapter members have published many interesting and educational gardening articles and presentations, now available in our web site.

Opportunity Table

At each meeting, members donate plants to the chapter. These are available through our opportunity table.

Plant Exchange

We also encourage our members to exchange plant material by publishing the Wish List column in our newsletter.

Fruit Tasting

Each month, members bring fruit from their trees to share them with the members. You will be pleasantly surprised each month!

Library

We have a modest but informative library where members can check gardening books.

Field Trips

During spring and summer we occasionally organize trips to local nurseries or gardens.

Members discounts

Members receive discounts at local nurseries and gardens centers.

Discussion Forums

We provide a series of discussion forums on subjects on growing rare fruit in San Diego. We offer these forums to ask questions, and a place to share your experience with all of us. Visit us at



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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES: Annual dues are payable on Jan. 1st and are for the membership period from Jan. 1st to Dec 31st. Dues are prorated quarterly for new member : Individual: \$13 per year, Household* : \$18 per year and Student: \$10 per year

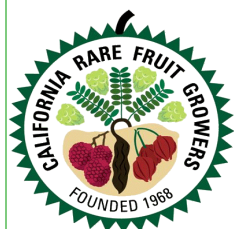
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