

EVERGREEN FRUIT TREES FOR HEDGES, SCREENS AND ESPALIERS

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FRUIT TYPE	MAXIMUM HEIGHT / WIDTH	MINIMUM HEIGHT / WIDTH	CAN BE TRAINED AS: HEDGE (H), SCREEN (S), OR ESPALIER (E)	FRUIT SEASON	COMMENTS
Acerola <u>Malpighia glabra</u>	10'-15' / 10'-15'	3'- 3'	H, S, E	Several crops during the summer.	Fruit size, color and quality vary considerably by variety. Fruit are as much as 40 times higher in vitamin C by weight as an orange. Attractive pink flowers are abundant but small.
Apple <u>Malus pumila</u>			H, S, E	Summer & Fall	There are many rootstocks available which control the mature size of the trees. Some very low chill apple varieties such as 'Anna' and 'Dorsett Golden' remain evergreen in mild winter climates and may have more than one crop of fruit per year.
Standard	25'-30' / 15'-20'	15'-20' / 10'-15'			
Semi-dwarf	12'-15' / 10'-12'	8'-12' / 6'-8'			
Dwarf	6'-8' / 4'-6'	4'-6' / 3'-4'			
Avocado <u>Persea drvmifolia & P. drvmifolia X P. americana</u>			H, S	Varies by variety	Avocado trees dislike severe pruning. Semi-dwarf varieties such as 'Gwen', 'Whitsell' and 'Wurtz' are better choices if a smaller tree is desired. Many varieties are available which can be selected to produce fruit nearly year round. Trees have very shallow root systems.
Standard	30'-60' / 20'- 40'	20'-30' / 15'-20'			
Semi-dwarf	15'-18' / 12'-15'	8'-12' / 6'- 8'			
Banana <u>Musa acuminata</u>	20'-25' indefinite	4'-6' / 4'-5'	S	Varies	There are more than 50 varieties of fruiting bananas. The mature height of banana trees varies by variety and cannot be controlled by pruning. The banana clump will spread in diameter as "pups" are produced and can be controlled by digging out unwanted trees.
Black Sapote <u>Diospvros digyna</u>	15'-25' / 15'-20'	8'-10' / 6'-8'	H, S	Late Summer - Fall	Trees may by dioecious or monoecious. Fruit is black and soft when fully ripe.

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Cherry of the Rio Grande <u>Eugenia aggregata</u>	15'-20' / 12'-15'	6'-8' / 4'- 6'	H, S, E	Spring	Shiny, black-red fruit 1"-1 1/2" have a single pit and resemble "cherries". Trees may bear more than one crop in a season.
Citrus <u>Citrus sp.</u>			H, S, E	Varies by variety	The mature size of citrus trees is strongly affected by the rootstock, and rootstocks are selected to produce standard, semi-dwarf and true dwarf size trees. With over 60 varieties of citrus to choose from, one can choose citrus varieties which will produce fruit nearly year-round. Some citrus varieties require long periods of very hot temperatures to produce good quality fruit.
Standard	25'-35' / 20'-25'	15'-20' / 12'-15'			
Semi-dwarf (Dwarf)	12'-18' / 10'-15'	8'-12' / 6'- 8'			
Dwarf (True dwarf)	6'-10' / 4'- 8'	4'-6' / 3'- 4'			
Coffee <u>Coffea arabica</u>	12'-15' / 10'-12'	4'-6' / 3'-5'	H, S, E	Summer	Flowers are small white and fragrant. Sweet black-red or rarely yellow berries have two seeds (beans) which are dried, roasted and ground to produce coffee.
Grumichama <u>Eugenia brasiliensis</u>	10'-15' / 8'- 12'	4'-6' / 3'- 5'	H, S	Summer	The new growth on this tree is an attractive bronze-red. Black fruit resemble cherries.
Jaboticaba <u>Mvrciaria cauliflora</u>	10'-15' / 8'- 12'	6'-8' / 4'- 6'	H, S	Several crops during summer	Purple-black fruit resemble large grapes. The fruit is produced on the main trunk and scaffold branches of the tree.
Kei Apple <u>Dovyalis caffra</u>	12'-15' / 10'-12'	3'- 4' / 3'- 4'	H, S, E	Late Summer	Trees are monoecious and are heavily armed with huge thorns. Yellow fruit are somewhat apricot-like in flavor and texture.
Lingaro <u>Elaeagnus philippinensis</u>	12'-15' / 10'-12'	4'-6' / 3'- 5'	H, S, E	Summer	The leaves of this tree have a dark green upper surface and a silvery underside. Small red fruit are produced in huge clusters and are astringent until fully ripe.

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Loquat <u>Eriobotrya japonica</u>	15'-25' / 12'-15'	5'-8' / 4'- 6'	H, S, E	Spring	Trees are susceptible to fireblight which may damage, but rarely kill the trees. The fruit size is greatly increased by fruit thinning. Improved varieties which produce superior fruit are available.
Macadamia Nut <u>Macadamia integrifolia, M. tetraphylla</u> and hybrids	23'-35' / 20'-25'	8'-12' / 6'- 10'	H, S	Varies by variety	Several varieties are commercially available. Some drop their crop of nuts in a very short season while others drop nuts for many months of the year. Flowers are fragrant and may be pink or white in color.
Mango <u>Mangifera indica</u>	15'-25' / 12'-15'	6'-10' / 5'-8'	H, S	Fall - Winter	Mangos are beautiful trees with new growth that is deep burgundy- red in color. Many varieties are available and mature size of the tree is somewhat dependant by variety.
Natal Plum <u>Carissa macrocarpa</u>	8'-10' / 6'-8'	2'-3' / 2'	H, S, E	Summer	Mature size of this plant is dependent on variety, however all cultivars will tolerate severe pruning. White flowers are fragrant. Fruit quality also varies by variety.
Pineapple Guava <u>Acca (Feijoa) sellowiana</u>	15'-20' / 12'-15'	2'-3' / 2'	H, S, E	Fall	These trees produce a profusion of beautiful flowers which have edible petals as well as delicious fruit which resemble dark green eggs. The fruit has a thick rind and flesh which tastes like a blend of pineapple and pear. Varieties are available which produce superior fruit.
Rose Apple <u>Syzygium jambos</u>	15'-20' / 12'-15'	4'-8' / 4'- 6'	H, S, E	Summer	These graceful, semi-weeping trees produce exquisite flowers. The fruit is yellow, with a thin edible rind which tastes like roses smell.

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Sapodilla <u>Manilkara zapota</u>	15'-25' / 12'-15'	6'-10' / 5'- 8'	H, S	Summer - Fall	Trees take several years to mature before they begin to produce fruit. The fruit resembles a brown egg and has a flavor of brown sugar. Named varieties are available.
Strawberry Guava <u>Psidium cattleianum</u>	12'-15' / 10'-12'	2'-3' / 2'	H, S, E	Spring & Fall	Fruit are typically dark red however there is a variety which produces yellow fruit and is often referred to as the 'yellow strawberry' or 'lemon' guava.
Surinam Cherry <u>Eugenia uniflora</u>	10'-15' / 8'-12'	3'-5' / 2'- 4'	H, S, E	Multiple crops possible, Spring - Fall	Beautiful, fragile, translucent fruit resemble small Japanese lanterns as they hang from this tree. Fruit color varies from orange-red to black-red and varies in size from 1/2" to 1" in diameter.
Tropic Cherry <u>Prunus salicifolia</u>	20'-30' / 15'-20'	6'-10' / 5'-8'	H, S	Summer	A true cherry, the fruit quality varies considerably on seedling grown trees. A few named varieties exist but grafted trees are difficult to obtain.
Tropical Guava <u>Psidium guajava</u>	15'-25' / 12'-20'	4'-8' / 4'-6'	H, S	Fall - Winter	This fruit can have red, pink or white flesh. The fruit can mature to a soft creamy texture and be quite fragrant, or remain crisp and have no odor depending on variety. There is also a variety which has deep maroon foliage, pink flowers and red-bronze fruit, while the "normal" varieties have green foliage, white flowers and yellow or green fruit.