

NEW CITRUS VARIETIES

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CULTIVAR	APPROXIMATE RIPENING PERIOD	SEEDS	FLAVOR	HOLDS ON TREE	GROW- ING AREA	COMMENTS
Blood Valencia	Late Winter- Late Spring	Few	Sweet with Good Flavor	Well	?	Selected from a parent tree in Moorpark, CA. The fruit rind has a heavy red blush and the flesh has a strong red color. Fruit holds on tree well past season for conventional blood oranges
Cara Cara Navel	January- March	None	Rich& Sweet	Fair	Coast, Inland & Desert	Very large fruit with unique pink flesh color. Fairly new but showing good performance in all areas. Worth trying!
Fukomoto Navel Orange	December- March	None	Rich& Sweet	Fair	Coast, Inland & Desert	Potentially important commercial variety. Fruit has bright orange color
Spring Navel	February- June	None	Rich& Sweet	Good	?	Newly introduced. Large highly colored fruit is untried in all areas but definitely worth trying!
Vainiglia Sanguigno	Late Fall - Late Winter	Many	Acid-less & Sweet	Good	?	An acid-less citrus with pink flesh. Especially prized by Middle-Eastern people.
Rio Red Grapefruit	February- September	Few- None	Tart- Sweet	Good	Coast, Inland & Desert	Excellent pink-blushed commercial fruit. Develops good color in all areas

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Star Ruby Grapefruit	February-September	Few-None	Tart-Sweet	Good	Coast & Inland	Large fruit with dark red flesh color. Best red variety for coastal areas where it still develops good flesh color and flavor.
Ambersweet Mandarin	November-December	Few-Many	Sweet & Tangy	Good	Inland & ?	Medium fruit which peels easily. A mandarin-tangelo hybrid. Young trees produce poor quality fruit. Untried in all areas.
Gold Nugget Mandarin	March - July	None	Sweet & Rich	Very Good	Coast, Inland, & ?	A recent release, The medium sized fruit has fine texture flesh of excellent quality.
Kishu Mandarin	December-March	None	Sweet	Fair	?	A small to medium sized fruit which is completely seedless. Performance is untried in all growing areas.
Shasta Gold Mandarin (TDE 2)	February - May	None	Rich& Sweet	Good	?	A recent introduction and one of the Temple tangor, Dancy and Encore mandarin hybrids. Large fruit is very juicy
Tahoe Gold Mandarin (TDE 3)	January - February	None	Rich& Sweet	Poor	?	A recent introduction and one of the Temple tangor, Dancy and Encore mandarin hybrids
Yosemite Gold Mandarin (TDE 4)	January - April or May	None	Rich& Sweet	Very Good	?	A recent introduction and one of the Temple tangor, Dancy and Encore mandarin hybrids. Large fine-textured fruit.

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Ellendale Tangor	February-March	Few-Many	Sweet	Good	Inland & ?	Introduced from Australia. Large, orange-red fruit which is easy to peel. Probably a mandarin-orange hybrid, it is largely untested and performance in all areas is unknown
Fallglo Mandarin	November-December	Many	Sprightly	Fair	Inland & ?	An early ripening fruit which is very juicy and easy to peel. A mandarin-tangor hybrid. Largely untested in all growing areas.
Tango Mandarin	January - April	None	Excellent. Sweet with good balance of sugar and acid	Good	?	A new mandarin from the University of California which is due to become available in 2008. Large, easy to peel, seedless fruit with good holding ability on the tree. Flavor and quality is equal to Murcott Tangor.
Indio Mandarinquat	December-April	Few	Sweet	Fair	Coast, Inland & Desert	A mandarin-kumquat hybrid which is eaten skin and all. A large fruit for a kumquat, which is sweeter than a Nagami Kumquat.
Nordmann Kumquat	December-June	None	Skin - Sweet Flesh - Tart	Good	Coast, Inland & Desert	Flavor, size and fruit season are all similar to "Nagami Kumquat". Heavy producer.
Sunquat Lemonquat	December-August	Few	Sweet-Tart	Good	Coast, Inland & Desert	A lemon-kumquat hybrid with a wonderful tropical flavor. Largely grown in Texas it is definitely worth trying if you can find them!