

POPULAR CITRUS GUIDE

If you're considering planting a citrus tree on your property, be sure to get your plant from a reputable, licensed nursery in your area – and recognize you need to manage pests and diseases on your tree throughout its lifetime.

Inspect for the **Asian citrus psyllid** and the deadly plant disease **Huanglongbing (HLB)** monthly or whenever watering, spraying or pruning trees. Pest and disease management is critical to protect not just your own tree, but also your neighbors' trees and the state's citrus.

Visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org for tips on growing healthy backyard citrus. Here are some of the most popular varieties of citrus here in California.

Popular Citrus Varieties and Peak Seasonality



ORANGE

Washington Navel (January-May)

Good to eat fresh, easy to peel, seedless

Valencia (May-October)

Best for juice, hard to peel, few seeds

Blood Orange (February-May)

Burgundy flesh, juicy, aromatic



GRAPEFRUIT

Star Ruby (May-October)

Few seeds, pinkish flesh

Oro Blanco Hybrid (March-July)

Few seeds, juicy, grows well along the coast



MANDARIN

Clementine (February-April)

Few to many seeds, juicy

Dancy (March-April)

Seedy, moderately juicy, tangy

Gold Nugget (March-July)

Juicy, easy to peel, seedless

Satsuma (December-April)

Seedless, juicy, mild



LIME

Bearss (August-March)

Larger fruit, distinct flavor, thornless, seedless, rind turns yellow when fruit ages

Key Lime or Mexican Lime (Year-Round)

Small, very juicy limes, seedy, thorny tree, complex flavor

Kaffir Lime (Year-Round)

Grown for leaves although fruits are edible too



LEMON

Eureka (Almost All Year)

Few seeds, acidic

Lisbon (Almost All Year)

Few seeds, acidic, thornier than Eureka

Improved Meyer (Almost All Year)

Not a true lemon, few to many seeds, less acid than a traditional lemon



TANGELO

Minneola (February-April)

Juicy, tart, bell-shaped fruit



KUMQUAT

Meiwa (January-March)

Few seeds, sweet rind

Negami (December-March)

Slightly tart rind

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