

# 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](https://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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