



Fruit Trees 2023

Hardiness varies widely and is noted with each selection. There are no techniques that can be used to increase hardiness. Both the severity and variability of Montana winters can cause damage in any given year. We recommend maintaining fruiting trees in the best possible health to reduce the odds of winterkill.

Most fruit trees require cross-pollination for fruit production to occur. We have noted necessary requirements and recommended appropriate pollinators. Please read these sections carefully as successful fruit production will not occur or will be spotty without correct cross-pollination.

MALUS:(Apple) Two varieties are always needed for cross-pollination. Cross-pollination is possible only when varieties bloom at approximately the same time, see the list at the end for bloom times. Many of our selections are grafted on [semi-dwarf rootstock resulting in about a 15' tree](#) and [standard rootstock resulting in 20' tree](#). These semi-dwarf varieties will fruit earlier than standard rootstock types, often bearing within 4-5 years compared to 7-10 for many standard types.

Apples - \$64.99

Goodland-Zone 3, standard. Color is red over creamy green; the flesh is crisp and juicy. Good for eating, baking & short storage life.

Gravenstein-Zone 4, semi-dwarf. It's crisp, tart, and very juicy, with just a touch of honey flavor to mellow it out. The fruit is delicious right off the tree and good for baking and applesauce. Short shelf life.

Honeycrisp-Zone 4, semi-dwarf. Sweet, exceptionally crisp and juicy, this red fruit stores well, up to 7 months.

Macintosh-Zone 4, semi-dwarf. Best all around apple, good for eating, baking, & storing. Bright red skin, white flesh.

Norland-Zone 2, standard. Ripens very early & well suited for very cold areas plus it is very hardy. Good for eating and cooking, stores well if picked before fully ripe.

Red Duchess-Zone 3, standard. Very hardy, medium to large red fruit. Tart & Juicy. Good for eating, but best for pies and sauces. Short storage life.

Wealthy-Zone 3b, semi-dwarf. First Striped red fruit with a tart balanced flavor. Multipurpose apple but especially good for cooking. Often bears fruit the first year. Keeps well.

Yellow Transparent-Zone 4, standard. Heavy producer, the greenish apples are best for pies. Scab resistant.

Frostbite -Zone 3, standard. Very sweet, intense taste. Crisp but firm texture and juicy. Great for cider or cooking.

Apple recommendations for pollination:

Early season bloomers:(in order of bloom)

Gravenstein, Yellow Transparent, Norland, Red Duchess, Wealthy

Mid-Season bloomers:(in order of bloom)

Macintosh, Goodland, Honey Crisp, Frostbite

Peaches - \$69.99

PRUNUS:(Peach) Peaches are best suited to sites along Flathead Lake as they are only hardy to Zone 5 and can be marginal in any given winter.

Contender -Zone 4, standard. This exceptionally cold-hardy variety, perfect for northern gardens, consistently yields large crops of sweet, juicy, medium to large freestone fruit. Also features lovely flowers that bloom in spring. Ripens in mid to late August. **Self-pollinating.**

Apricots - \$64.99

PRUNUS:(Apricot) varieties we offer are grafted on Standard rootstock, their mature size under 20'. The varieties we offer pollinate each other well.

Scout -Zone 3, standard. Cultivar developed in Morden, Manitoba in 1937. Fruit is bronze gold, blushed with red. Good for canning and jam, fair for eating. Blooms in early May.

Self-fertile produces more fruit with a pollinator.

Cherries - \$64.99 & \$99.99

PRUNUS:(Cherry) These are rewarding to grow for both their sweet blossoms and delicious fruit. They vary widely for hardiness. You may need to protect your crop from birds because they can be greedy and beat you to it. **All Cherries are Self-fruitful.**

Evans Bali Semi Sweet –Zone 3 semi-dwarf. Sweet-tart cherry with fruit 1" in diameter. Fruit is much sweeter than other sour cherries. A self-fertile variety and very cold hardy. **\$64.99**

Lapin–Zone 4. standard. After the big freeze of 1989-90, many Flathead cherry growers switched to this Canadian selection, reputed to be hardier and more resistant to splitting. The crop has been harvested for many years now and the verdict is that these compete favorably with the old variety, P. 'Lambert'.

\$64.99

Montmorency Pie–Zone 4 standard. A tart cherry for pies or preserves. These are small trees to start and at maturity, they will reach 15'by 15' wide. **\$64.99**

Stella–Zone 4. standard. An old standby sweet cherry, it is self-fertile and has black skin and flesh. **\$99.99–1 1/4"**

Pears - \$64.99

PYRUS: (Pear) Pears can live to be old trees and these are standard and semi dwarf selections that will stay under 15'. They are upright growers. Occasionally may drop significant fruit prior to harvest. These varieties will pollinate each other so you must plant two trees.

Parker Pear -Zone 3, standard. Large, yellow bronze fruit. Fine grained, tender, and juicy. Upright and vigorous grower.

Patten Pear -Zone 4, standard. Fruit is of good size and quality. Very tender and juicy. A good pollinator for most other pear trees

Golden Spice –Zone 3, standard. 1.75" fruit are medium yellow, lightly blushed with dull red. Ripen mid-season. Good for canning and spicing, fair for eating. **Use Patten as a pollinator.**

Plums - \$64.99

PRUNUS:(Plum) Relatively easy to grow, fresh plums are a real treat.

Alderman–Zone 4, standard. Burgundy red, Japanese Plum. Excellent fresh or for preserves, soft and sweet. Bears fruit the second season after planting. Fruit is of large size. **Pollinate with Toka.**

Black Ice –Zone 3, standard. Is a cross between a cherry plum and a conventional Japanese dessert plum. Large fruit, winter hardiness, early ripening date. **Pollinate with Toka.**

La Crescent –Zone 4, standard. Yellow plum. Fruit is small to medium. Sweet and juicy. Excellent for fresh eating a jam. Vigorous Grower. **Pollinate with Toka.**

Toka –Zone 3, standard Medium size Red, richly flavored variety with beautiful apricot color.

Mount Royal – Zone 4, standard This is a European Plum, small, egg shaped and purple to blue. Good for fresh eating, better for preserves and cooking. Freestone. **Self-fruitful.**