

# Stone Fruit Trees

Stone fruit trees, including apricots, nectarines, peaches and plums, are a lovely addition to any sunny yard! This handout is an overview for successfully growing these types of trees.

**Apricots** are small stone fruits and are unrelated to nectarines and peaches, despite similarities in appearance. These have a sweet and tart flavor and are less juicy than nectarines and peaches.

**Nectarines** and **Peaches** are closely related, but have subtle differences. Nectarines have fuzz-less skin and are juicier than peaches. Their flavors are almost identical and are interchangeable in many recipes. Both are great for fresh eating!

**Plums** are stone fruits that come in many varieties and are found all over the world. Bristol's Garden Center tends to stock European and Asian cultivars, as they produce larger, tastier fruit than native species found throughout North America. The flavors range from sweet to tart and all are very juicy.

Below is a comparison of light, soil and fertilizer preferences for each aforementioned fruit.

Growth Requirements	Apricot	Nectarine	Peach	Plum
				
Light (Hours)	6+	6+	6+	6+
Soil Type	Well-drained Loam	Well-drained Sandy Loam	Well-drained Sandy Loam	Well-drained Sandy Loam
Soil pH	6.0-6.5	6.5-7.0	6.5-7.0	6.0-6.5
Fertilizer Preference	Slow-release 10-10-10 Twice per season			
Estimated Harvest	June to August	July to September	June to September	July to September

Ask any of our knowledgeable staff to learn more about different cultivars of these plants!

## Protect from disease!



Use **preventative** fungicides, such as **neem oil** or **copper fungicide**, on the trees as the buds begin to break each Spring. Apply one of these fungicides every 10 days for 30 days when there is a 24-hour period without rain. Doing this will protect the foliage and fruit from a variety of diseases!



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## Stone Fruit Cultivars

Below are the stone fruit cultivars we carry for the 2026 season.

### Apricot Goldbar

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Cross-pollinator required

Masses of large oval fruit ripen to a light orange with a light blush. Fruits ripen mid to late July featuring light orange flesh that is firm and moderately juicy. Its sweet taste is great for fresh eating, jams or baking.

### Apricot Goldstrike

Size (h x w): 15-20 x 15-20

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Cross-pollinator required

Striking April bloom turns into large, light orange colored fruit with light orange flesh that matures in late July. This strong producer has a firm, juicy fruit that is perfect for fresh or for canning. Needs another variety for pollination. A heavy producer with large, juicy, firm fruit that is perfect for fresh or canning. Late July ripening. Spectacular flowers in spring.

### Nectarine Arctic Glo

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

Highly recommended for home orchards, this white-fleshed Nectarine has a flavor unlike any other with a unique sweet balance of sugar and acid that has scored very well in taste tests. Not only is the fruit of 'Arctic-Glo' memorable, so is its spring show with pretty pink flowers that nearly cover the branches in late April. 'Arctic-Glo' is self-pollinating and will produce a huge crop of ruby red skinned fruit that is ready for harvest in late July or early August without the benefit of another variety for pollination.



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## Nectarine Independence

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

As dependable and as early to fruit as any Nectarine available, 'Independence' sets the standard in Nectarines for the home garden with a tree that is tough enough to grow well and tender enough to produce outstanding numbers of large, gold brushed with red fruit in mid-July. Like all Nectarines, 'Independence' blooms early so it should be protected against April and May frosts.

## Peach Canadian Harmony

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

This selection is a strong producer of large freestone fruit with excellent shelf life and a taste that is sweet but with a bit of acidity to balance it out. This hint of acidity makes it great Peach for canning, preserving or for pies. While it might not be the prettiest Peach, what 'Canadian Harmony' lacks in the way of magazine cover appeal, it certainly makes up for in flavor. Once you take a bite of out of this juicy, delicious fruit straight off the tree, taste, not beauty, will be foremost in your mind!

## Peach Elberta

Size (h x w): 15-25' x 15-20'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Self-fertile

This spreading tree produces large, firm peaches ripening late August. Golden yellow blushed with red. A freestone peach that is self-fertile and resistant to brown rot.



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## Peach Frost

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Self-fertile

A deciduous tree with a rounded form has showy, pink flowers emerge in the spring which is followed by firm, scarlet, freestone peaches. Its round, sweet and juicy fruit is ready for picking mid-summer. In the fall, foliage turns a golden yellow. Excellent for canning, freezing, eating fresh, or baking.

## Peach Madison

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

This high-quality fruit has slightly fibrous, firm, orange-yellow flesh that tastes great and is very juicy! Because of its fruit is so tender you rarely see it in grocery stores making it all the better for picking off your own tree in mid-August! The fruit are excellent for slicing and having with a bit of cream or for any of your baking and canning recipes.

## Peach Reliance

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

One of the hardiest of all peaches, ripens mid to late August with greenish yellow coloring and a slight blush of red. Flesh is bright yellow, soft and juicy. Good for fresh eating, especially in colder climates.



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## Peach Saturn Donut

Size (h x w): 10-15' x 10-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Self-fertile

Distinctive flat peaches that taste great. This uniquely shaped fruit opens up to tender, white flesh with a mild, sweet flavor. Trees bear heavy crops of peaches that measure 2¼-2¾" in diameter. Originates from China circa 1869, introduced by Rutgers and Stark Bro's in the 1990s. Disease-resistant to bacterial leafspot. Freestone. Ripens in July.

## Plum Italian

Size (h x w): 12-15' x 12-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 4

Pollination: Self-fertile

Heavy producing, this Plum selection is one of the best ones for drying with large, purple, freestone fruit with yellow flesh. It is an outstanding producer of high quality, mid-season harvesting fruit that you'll enjoy for months after harvest.

## Plum Satsuma Japanese

Size (h x w): 12-15' x 12-15'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Self-fertile

It would be hard to find anything better tasting right off the tree fresh but Satsuma is versatile enough to be just as tasty when cooked or preserved. The real bonus of this medium sized fruit is the fact its pit is far smaller than many Plum varieties giving you even more sweet flesh to greedily consume.



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## Plum Fruit Salad (assorted)

Size (h x w): 20-25' x 20-25'

Cold hardiness: Zone 5

Pollination: Self-fertile

Get four stone fruits on a single plant - A backyard orchard winner with each branch offering a different type of plum fruit - all grafted on one tree that fruits heavily! Very productive. A unique collection of 4 different stone fruits. Outstanding flavor for eating fresh or canning.

*Descriptions provided by Prides Corner Farms and Stark Bro's.*



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