

# Growing for Auckland

## Our top 10 fruit trees

Careful plant selection is the key to growing successful fruit trees in Auckland.

The best varieties produce an abundant harvest without pesticide applications or high maintenance. Some fruit trees also make attractive garden subjects.

Deciduous fruit trees such as pip and stone fruit become available to buy in winter. If you want a smaller fruit tree, some (such as apples) are available on dwarf rootstocks, ideal for smaller gardens.

### Care

- Most fruit trees thrive in soils that are fertile and free draining. Working ample compost into the soil prior to planting is beneficial. If staking is required do this when planting to ensure the stakes do not damage the roots.
- After planting immediately water the root zone, and then apply a generous layer of organic mulch such as bark or wood chips.
- A generous annual application of balanced fertiliser will promote healthy growth and improve your harvest.
- Pruning of pip fruits should be done immediately after harvesting. Others such as apples can be pruned in winter when the trees are bare.



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**Lime 'Bearss'** small seedless fruit with deep green thin skin.



**Plum 'Luisa'** large yellow fruit flushed red and yellow flesh.



**Apple 'Monty's Surprise'** large red striped green fruit.



**Peach 'Orion'** small white fleshed fruit from November.



**Feijoas** many cultivars available, plant two for maximum harvest.



**Persimmon 'Fuyu'** a handsome tree, bright non-astringent fruit.



**Mandarin 'Satsuma'** easy-to-peel and ready to eat June/July.



**Tamarillo** red and gold varieties. Protect young trees from frost.



**Fig 'Brunoro Black'** Smallish purple/black fruit with red flesh.



**Lemon 'Meyer'** ripens in winter but often carries fruit year round.

