FRUITING TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES IN THE ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPE

Plant your landscape and eat it too!
Fruiting plants in your ornamental landscape can be Functional as A:

Shade or Patio Tree
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Hedge, Shrub or Screen
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Vine or Espalier
Fruiting plants in your ornamental landscape can be Functional as A: Bedding Plant or Groundcover
Beautiful Foliage
Beautiful

Flowers
Beautiful Fruit
Delicious
Function, Beauty and Fruit ...

You can have it all!
MEET THE PLANTS...
ACEROLA

Malpighia glabra

- A small tree, screen, hedge or espalier.

- Cold hardy to 26 degrees.
ACEROLA

Malpighia glabra

• Produces 3-5 crops of fruit in summer.

• 1” fruit up to 40 times higher in vitamin C than an orange.
APPLE

- Many varieties – select low chill varieties.

- Available as standard, semi-dwarf or dwarf trees.

- Some varieties are only semi-deciduous and may bear up to 3 crops per year.

- Use as a shade tree, patio tree or espalier.

Malus pumila
BANANA

*Musa acuminata* & hybrids

- Dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard sized trees.

- Over 80 varieties available.

- Plants form clumps. Useful as screens or specimen plants.
BANANA

_Musa acuminata_ & hybrids

- Fruit can be green, yellow, blue, red or variegated in color. Fruit ranges in size from four to twenty four inches long.

- Each pseudostem fruits only once.
BLUEBERRIES

Vaccinium ashei & Vaccinium corybosum

- Many varieties of Southern Highbush and Rabbiteye blueberries perform well in low-chill areas.

- Acid-loving, prefer a soil pH of 5 to 5.5.

- Grow in partial shade or full sun.

- Plant in containers, raised beds or on mounds for best performance.
CARAMBOLA (STAR FRUIT)

Averrhoa carambola

- Small trees to 20 feet.
- Protect from strong winds.
CHERIMOYA

_Annona cherimola_

- Fast growing deciduous tree to 25 feet.
- Briefly dormant in March or April.
- Hand pollinate flowers to insure fruit production.
- Considered by many to be one of the worlds best-tasting fruit.
CITRUS

Citrus species & relatives

• Over 80 varieties available.
CITRUS

*Citrus species* & relatives

- Tree size can be standard (18’-25’), dwarf (8’-15’) or true dwarf (5’-8’).

- Trees can be useful as shade trees, screens, shrubs, hedges, patio trees or espaliers.
CITRUS

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Ornamental features include:

- **fragrant flowers**
- **leaves of varied size and texture**
- **variegated and non-variegated foliage**
- **colorful fruit**
COFFEE

Coffea arabica

• Shrub or small tree to 15 feet.

• Plant in full sun or partial shade.

• Flowers are fragrant.

• Bears 3 or more crops per year.

• Berries are sweet, pleasant in flavor and high in caffeine.

• Beans are dried, roasted and ground to make the beverage coffee.
DRAGON EGG (PITAYA)

*Cereus peruvianus*

- A branching, columnar cactus with moderate growth rate. Height to 10 feet.

- The variety ‘monstrosus’ is smaller, bluish in color with ribs irregularly broken up into knobs and crests.

- Spectacular 5”- 6” white flowers open at night in late spring or summer.

- Fruit is sweet, pleasant and mild in flavor but somewhat grainy in texture.
DRAGON FRUIT

*Hylocereus undatus, H. Polyrhizus,* and other species and hybrids of *Hylocereus*

- A moderately fast growing climbing cactus from the subtropical regions of Mexico and South America.

- Spectacular 8” wide, white, night blooming flowers are produced in waves during the summer.
DRAGON FRUIT

*Hylocereus undatus, H. Polyrhizus,* and other species and hybrids of *Hylocereus*

- Beautiful hot pink fruit ripens 1 month after flowering.
- Some varieties are self-fruitful while others require cross-pollination.
- Fruit has white, pink or red colored flesh, a smooth texture, and a sweet and pleasant, mild flavor.
YELLOW DRAGON FRUIT

(*Selenicereus megalanthus*)

- Fruit is smaller but sweeter than other Pitaya.
- Plants are self-fruitful.
JABOTICABA

Myrciaria cauliflora

- Small tree or shrub to 15 feet.

- Flowers and fruits three or more times per year.

- Flowers and fruit occur on trunk and main scaffold branches.

- Fruit is delicious and reminiscent of a thick-skinned grape.
JELLY PALM

*Butia capitata*

- Small palm with slow to medium growth rate to 20’.
- Moderately drought tolerant.
JELLY PALM

*Butia capitata*

- Delicious fruit eaten fresh or used to make jelly.
LOQUAT

Eriobotrya japonica

- A large evergreen shrub or small tree.
- Moderately drought tolerant.
- Some varieties require a pollinizer to produce fruit.
- Flesh color of fruit may be white or pale yellow.
NATAL PLUM

*Carissa grandiflora*

- Hardy, evergreen shrubs. Dwarf and standard sized cultivars are available.

- Plants have sharp spines.

- Fragrant flowers.

- Fruit is eaten fresh or used to make jams and jellies.
PINEAPPLE GUAVA (FEIJOA)

*Acca sellowiana*

- A shrub or small tree to 15 feet. Can be severely pruned.

- Drought tolerant. No significant pests or diseases.
PINEAPPLE GUAVA (FEIJOA)

*Acca sellowiana*

- Beautiful flowers have edible petals.
- Some varieties require pollinizer to set fruit.
- Superior varieties have been developed for fruit quality and fruit size.
- Fruit fall to the ground when ripe.
GRUMICHAMA

*Eugenia brasiliensis*

- Shrub or small tree to approximately 15 feet.
- New foliage is deep red.
- Abundant 1 inch white flowers occur in late spring.
- Dark purple-red 1 inch fruit is considered the best tasting of the cherry-like fruit. Fruit is also known as the Brazilian Cherry.
MACADAMIA

*Macadamia integrifolia, M. tetraphylla* and hybrids

- A drought tolerant tree to 35 feet.
- Leaves may be smooth or have sharp spines.
- Fragrant flowers are creamy light brown or pink in color.
- Nuts drop to the ground when ripe.
MALABAR CHESTNUT

*Bombax glabra*

- A semi-deciduous small tree to 15 feet. Plant in full sun or partial shade.

- Tree will develop an interesting swollen trunk.

- Plants are often sold as “Money Trees”. Can be grown as a bonsai.
MALABAR CHESTNUT

Bombax glabra

- Spectacular flowers occur Spring through Summer.

- Nut pods ripen in late Autumn.

- Nuts are similar to a chestnut.
MANGO

*Mangifera indica*

- Evergreen. Large shrub or tree to 30 feet.

- New growth is beautiful red in color. Foliage turns dark green as it matures.
MANGO

*Mangifera indica*

- Yellow-brown flowers occur on pink spikes at the ends of branches.

- Many varieties are available. Select varieties with proven track records for your area.
PAPAYA

*Carica papaya*

- Herbaceous trees, 6 to 20 feet in mature height.
- Trees may be dioecious or monoeccious.
- Many varieties, with Mexican and Hawaiian types being the most common.
BABACO PAPAYA

*Carica pentagona*

- A dwarf, cold hardy, self-fruitful papaya. Female plants are parthenocarpic and produce seedless fruit without pollinization.

- Fruit is very juicy and has the taste of a honeydew melon with lemon-lime.
PASSIONFRUIT

Passiflora species

• Vigorous evergreen or deciduous vines.

• Many species and varieties produce edible fruit.

• Flowers are exotic and often spectacular!

• Vines are relatively short-lived, an average of 5 - 7 years.
PASSIONFRUIT

*Passiflora species*

- Fruit is often sweeter when the outer rind is shriveled.
- *Passiflora edulis* X *flavocarpa* ‘Frederick’ is considered the best fruiting variety for Southern California.
PINEAPPLE

Ananas comosus

- A terrestrial bromeliad, each plant produces only one fruit and then dies.

- Offshoots or “pups” are produced by the mother plant to produce a spreading clump of pineapple plants.

- Many varieties and cultivars.
PEACH & NECTARINE

Prunus persica & P. persica nucipersica

• Many varieties and cultivars are available. Select varieties with low chilling requirements.

• Early, mid and late season ripening varieties. Flowers are in various shades of pink and may be single or double blossoms.
PLUM

Prunus domestica

• Many varieties and cultivars are available. Select varieties with low chilling requirements.

• Early, mid and late season ripening varieties.

• Flowers are white or rarely pink.

• Favorite ornamental / fruiting varieties include ‘Weeping Santa Rosa plum’ and ‘Hollywood’ and ‘Elsie’ purple leafed plums.
POMEGRANATE

Punica granatum

• A single or multi-trunked shrub or small tree to 15 feet.

• New foliage is red, fading to green as it matures.

• Single or double flowers may be red, salmon or pink.

• Fruit may be red, pink or yellowish.

• Many varieties, some with sweeter fruit and softer seeds than the traditional variety ‘Wonderful’.
ROSE APPLE

Syzygium jambos

- A large shrub or small tree with a semi-weeping growth habit. Easily trained as an espalier or pruned as an informal hedge or screen.

- New growth is a beautiful wine red.

- Creamy white flowers are quite showy.

- Pale green or yellowish fruit tastes like roses smell.
STRAWBERRY GUAVA

*Psidium cattleianum* & *P. cattleianum lucidum*

- Hardy evergreen shrub or small tree with new foliage copper-red in color.
- Tolerant of heavy pruning and shaping.
- Fruit can be red or yellow.
SURINAM CHERRY

*Eugenia uniflora*

- Evergreen shrub or small tree. Tolerant of heavy pruning.

- Fruit are highly ornamental, very fragile and may be orange-red or dark purple-black in color when ripe.

- Plants often bear several crops of fruit per year.
TROPICAL GUAVA

Psidium guajava

- Trees or large shrubs to 25 feet in height.
- New foliage is bronzed and foliage becomes reddish in winter.
- Many varieties and cultivars. Most have white flowers.
TROPICAL GUAVA

Psidium guajava

- Crunchy types of tropical guava have fruit that are eaten crisp like an apple and have no order. Flesh color is white.

- Dessert types have fruit that is eaten soft and creamy and the fruit has a strong fragrance. Fruit can have white, pink or red flesh.

- Varieties of ‘Thai Maroon’ dessert guavas have heavy red pigment in the foliage, pink flowers and fruit with bronzed skin and red flesh.
Wax Jambu
Syzygium javanicum

- Large shrub or small tree with beautiful new growth which fades to dark green as it matures.

- Frost sensitive. Should be protected from temperatures below 32 degrees.

- Flowers are yellowish-white and very showy.

- Fruit somewhat apple-shaped with mild, watery flavor and crisp texture. Fruit often has a white, pink or red skin color.
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