

## Suburban Gardener

# Fruit Trees Good Landscape Specimens

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Money may not grow on trees, but apples and pears, peaches and plums do, and it can help your budget as well as your morale to grow your own fruit on your own backyard trees.

The grocery store kinds can never compare with the flavor of your home - grown fruit picked at the just - right stage of juicy ripeness.

The trees are beautiful, too - as beautiful as the ornamental trees grown just for their flowers. In addition to providing fruit, they make good landscape specimens. Fruit trees of all kinds are available either as standard size trees or as dwarfs which are generally under five feet tall, although the fruit they bear is full size. Also, fruit trees can be pruned and trained to grow on a trellis or flat against a wall, and are very decorative this way.

DON'T OVERLOOK the bush fruits. These include blackberries, raspberries, currants, and grapes. They are easy to grow, and some kinds just are not available in the stores at all any more.

Strawberries, too, can be grown in the home garden. How much yield can you expect from your homegrown fruit trees and bushes?

A standard size apple tree produces five to 10 bushels. Standard pear trees and peach trees can yield up to four bushels. Dwarfs will produce about 1 1/2 bushels of fruit. Cherries and plums will

produce one to two bushels per tree. Per plant, strawberries yield about one quart. Currants and gooseberries yield three to four quarts. Raspberries and blackberries 1 1/2 quarts, and a single grape vine produces over a bushel of fruit.

THERE IS NO denying, though, that to get a good yield of high quality fruit the trees and shrubs and vines must be cared for. They can't be left on their own.

First of all, good quality, healthy stock of desirable varieties should be chosen. These should be carefully planted. Now, in early spring is the very best time for planting.

They must be pruned so a good sturdy tree results with a strong scaffolding of branches that can support the weight of a heavy fruit crop. The center of the tree should be open so air can circulate and light penetrate.

Insects must be guarded against so they do not damage the trees or the fruit. A regular spray program should be followed because prevention is easier than cure.

It is not necessary to use hazardous sprays that pollute. In grandpa's day - before the invention of DDT and other hydrocarbon insecticides with their residual effects - fruit trees were sprayed and cared for.

Perhaps all the fruit didn't look quite as perfect as what we are accustomed to, but the bees and birds were not an

nuisance. Maybe the fruit even tasted better than.

THE OLD-FASHIONED sprays were poisonous, but they were used with care. The time honored spray schedule for cherries included lime - sulfur put on just before the buds expanded, and lime - sulfur plus lead arsenate when the petals fall and again when the fruit is the size of a small pea.

Apples and pears had a similar schedule which may also have included bordeaux mixture and later nicotine sulfate. Moth crystals were used to control peach borer and the larva was dug out with a wire.

For scale and leaf - curl lime - sulfur was used for rot and scab and curculio lead arsenate was combined with lime - sulfur.

It is possible to get a commercial spray company to do the job for you if you have a small orchard you may want to purchase your own equipment. Power sprayers or hand pumps are available in various sizes.

APPLES NEED a deep, well - drained loam soil. The age at which they begin to bear varies with the varieties. Almost all your favorites are available. Why not choose an early ripening kind such as Wealthy, a September kind such as McIntosh, and an October kind such as Stayman Winesap.

An interesting novelty are the five - in - one trees with five apple varieties grafted onto the same tree.



## The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

House plant care: Now's a good time to give your house plants a good grooming. Don't be afraid to syringe the foliage to get rid of the winter dust.

Even hairy - leaved types such as African violets can be syringed if you use warm water. Do the job in the morning so the leaves can dry off before evening.

If you like a glossy effect on the leaves of foliage plants such as philodendrons and other hard - leaved items, use plant shine materials available in florist shops, but be careful about using too much. We've seen leaves turn brown from heavy doses of the shines.

Avoid olive oil, cooking oil or petroleum jelly for glossy effect, as these catch dust and can clog the pores in the leaves.

Glycerine dabbed on a soft cloth can be applied over the leaves to get a shine. Some homeowners like to use a half and half mixture of milk and water. Snip off any yellowed or spotted leaves.

Be on the lookout for insects such as spider mites, aphids and mealybugs, especially on plants you've brought in from your friends. Spring tails are small white insects which jump by means of a lever under the body. Each time you water the plants you can see these small pests wiggle about vigorously.

Pests in the soil can be ticked by adding a pinch of snuff or cigar butt, to the soil. Water these in, or make a

solution and pour this on the surface.

FREE: would you like an illustrated leaflet on insects of house plants? Send me a self - addressed, stamped envelope and ask for a copy of my bulletin, "Insects on House Plants." It tells how to fight insects and disease so your plants can stay healthy. Illustrations of insects are shown to help you grow better plants.

AZALEA plants: One of the showiest of house plants is the azalea, a favorite for Mother's Day. Florists can force azaleas into bloom at all seasons of the year, but many people still prefer them during their natural bloom period in spring.

Azaleas like a cool temperature - 55 degrees in day and cooler at night, for longer mileage. Keep out of direct sun. Keep the plant in a window that gets very little or no direct sun.

After flowering, keep the plant growing until spring, then sink the pot in a semi - shady spot in the garden. In fall, bring indoors before frost hits.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: A reader writes: "We want to set out some shade trees in spring. Should we use the balled and burlapped kind or barerooted?"

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