

Fruiting calendar

FRUIT	Month												VARIETIES	Early Mid Late	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
 APPLES	●	●	●	●									●	<p>E 'Early Strawberry' (Dec); 'Initial', 'Oratia Beauty' (Jan) M 'Bramley', 'Peasgood Nonsuch', 'Freyburg' (Feb-March) L 'Granny Smith', 'Monty's Surprise', 'Baujade' (April-May)</p>	
 APRICOTS	●	●											●	<p>E 'Katycot', 'Royal Rosa', 'Golden Glow', 'Gold Nugget' (from late December-January) M 'Aprigold', 'Moorpark', 'Sundrop', 'Tomcot', 'Trevatt' (February) L 'Cluthalate'</p>	
 CHERRIES	●												●	<p>E 'Tangshe' (November-December); 'Rosann', 'Rainier' (in time for Christmas) M 'Compact Stella', 'Dawson', 'Montmorency' L 'Lapins' (January)</p>	
 CRABAPPLES			●	●	●	●								<p>Crabapples ripen in autumn but birds will strip the fruit as it colours up. TIP 'Jack Humm' (dark red fruit) and 'Jelly King' (orange/red) hold on later than most.</p>	
 FEIJOAS			●	●	●	●								<p>E 'Kaiteri', 'Kakariki', 'Den's Choice' (March-April) M 'Apollo', 'Kakapo', 'Unique', 'Wiki Tu' (May) L 'Opal Star', 'Triumph', 'White Goose' (June)</p>	
 FIGS	●	●	●	●									●	<p>E 'Vlassoff' (1st crop December); 'Mrs Williams' (1st) 'Hyndman's Early' (January) M 'Brown Turkey' (March) L 'Brunoro Black', 'Mrs Williams', 'French Sugar' (April)</p>	
 GRAPEFRUIT	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>E 'Cutler's Red' (July-August) M 'Star Ruby' (August) 'Golden Special' (July-November; mostly seedless) L 'Wheneey' (November-February)</p>	
 GUAVAS					●	●	●							<p>Cherry guavas are available in red (traditional) or yellow. TIP Mature guava trees can develop an untidy habit. Don't be afraid to hard prune – you'll get bigger fruit.</p>	
 LEMONS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>E 'Meyer' (ripens from June but, once established, you can expect fruit to hang on the tree almost year-round) M 'Yen Ben', 'Lisbon' (from July) L 'Genoa', 'Villa Franca'</p>	
 LIMES				●	●	●	●							<p>Choose from 'Tahitian', 'Mexican' or 'Bearss'. TIP Kaffir limes are grown for their aromatic leaves, not their knobby fruit. Protect all lime trees from frost.</p>	
 MANDARINS	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>E 'Miho', 'Aoshima', 'Satsuma' (April-June); 'Silverhill' (June-July) M 'Clementine', 'Burgess Scarlet' (August-October) L 'Encore' (November-February)</p>	
 NASHI PEARS	●	●												<p>E 'Kosui' M 'Hosui', 'Nijiseiki' TIP Can't decide which nashi pear to buy? Dual-grafted trees are available. Choose from 'Hosui'/'Kosui' or 'Hosui'/'Nijiseiki'.</p>	
 NECTARINES	●	●											●	<p>E 'Snow Queen', 'Early Red II' (from late December) M 'Goldmine', 'Red Gold', 'Sunglo', 'Queen Giant' (January) L 'Fantasia', 'Kaitaia', 'Black Pearl' (February)</p>	
 ORANGES	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>E 'Seville' (July-August) M 'Washington Navel', 'Best Seedless' (from August) L 'Harward's Late' (also known as 'Harwood Late'), Valencia (November-March)</p>	
 PEACHES	●	●	●	●										<p>E 'Dixired', 'Golden Haze', 'Orion', 'Red Haven' (Jan) M 'Paragon', 'Urenui Gold', 'Blackboy', 'Christina' (Feb) L 'April White', 'Golden Queen', 'Gordon Glory' (Mar-April)</p>	
 PEARS	●	●	●	●	●									<p>E 'Starkrimson', 'Williams' Bon Chrétien' (January) M 'Doyenne du Comice', 'Conference' (Feb-March) L 'Winter Cole', 'Winter Nelis', 'Concorde' (April-May)</p>	
 PERSIMMONS					●	●	●							<p>E 'Matsumoto Wase Fuyu' M 'Kaki', 'Gailey' L 'Fuyu' TIP To beat the birds, pick persimmons when bright orange but still firm and ripen in a bowl with bananas.</p>	
 PLUMS	●	●											●	<p>E 'Billington', 'Duff's Early Jewel', 'Wilson's Early' (Dec) M 'Damson', 'Black Doris', 'Hawera', 'Santa Rosa' (Jan) L 'Omega', 'Reine Claude', 'Luisa', 'Elephant Heart' (Feb)</p>	
 QUINCES		●	●	●										<p>Choose from 'Smyrna', 'Taihape' or 'Giant of Gascony'. TIP Birds don't generally attack aromatic quinces as their flesh is too hard, but they will if there's a drought.</p>	
 TAMARILLOS				●	●	●	●	●						<p>E 'Ted's Red' (late April-July) M 'Tango', 'Bold Gold' (May-July) L 'Red Beau' (June-September) TIP Tamarillos too tart for your tastebuds? Try 'Tango' – a low acid variety.</p>	
 TANGELOS							●	●	●					<p>Choose from 'Seminole' or 'Tinura'. TIP Tangelos can't be beaten for juicing. But if you find their flavour a little too sweet, add a squeeze of lemon or grapefruit juice.</p>	

NOTE: This calendar is a general guide, but keep in mind that, depending on your local climate, ripening times may be later or earlier.