



# 2024 Feijoa Descriptive List

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VARIETY	ORDERED	APPROX HARVEST TIME	DESCRIPTION
<b>ANATOKI</b>		Early Season	A new variety with exceptionally sweet, very early season round-shaped fruit. Vigorous tree with large, lush, deep green foliage.
<b>ANTTOINETTE</b>	5INC	Early season	Feijoa Antoinette produces heavy crops of medium to large fruit with semi-smooth green skin. Sweet juicy mild aromatic flavour with flesh that is smooth and soft.
<b>APOLLO</b>	5INC	Early Season	Apollo fruit are medium to large size with excellent flavour, Early season. Partially self fertile, so will produce some fruit if planted alone, but will produce larger crops of bigger fruit if planted with another variety nearby. Vigorous upright growth habit.
<b>ARHART</b>	5INC	Mid-early season	Large light green oval fruit, mid-early season, smooth firm skin, mild flavour. Aromatic, pulp is sweet and juicy. Medium sized bushy tree, ideal for hedging. Full sun, well drained soil. Evergreen. 3m x 3m.
<b>BAMBINA</b>	5INC	Mid-Season	Abundance of bright red Christmas flowers followed by delicate wee fruit. Thin edible skin surrounding sweet aromatic pulp bursting with flavour. No need for the spoon. 1.5m x 1.5m.
<b>BRETT'S DELIGHT</b>	N/A		An improved selection forming a compact, medium-sized tree. A true heavy cropper with delicious, large, thin-skinned fruit. Smaller growing at just 1.8 x 1.2m. Brett's Delight is a true heavy cropper!
<b>DEN'S CHOICE</b>	12GB 5INC	Mid-Season	Mid-season, good keeper. Medium-large size. Very sweet, smooth and juicy fruit. Mildly aromatic.
<b>GEMINI</b>		Early Season	Early season, good storage life. Typically sizes small to medium. Soft & juicy, slightly grainy or gritty, strong flavour. Sub-acid.
<b>GOLDEN GOOSE</b>		Mid-Late Season	White flesh feijoa with a smooth firm thick golden-green skin. The large fruit has a slightly acid golden pulp, maturing sweet as it ripens. Great keeping fruit. To extend the fruiting season and improve pollination, grow with an early-season variety. Trims up to a great hedge. 3m x 3m.
<b>KAITERI</b>	12GB	Early Season	A very early ripening variety with large, oval, very sweet fruit. Fruit weighing over 300 grams have been reported! The tree is reasonably vigorous, upright with large rounded leaves.
<b>KAKARIKI</b>	9GB	Early Season	An exceptionally early season variety, with very sweet and large fruit. Named after the Māori word for the colour green.
<b>KAKAPO</b>	5INC 3GB	Mid-Season	Blocky to oval shape with pale green skin and pleasant mild sweet flavour. Slow growing tree so needs little pruning.
<b>MAMMOTH</b>	16GB	Mid-Season	Mid-late season. Medium size fruit with high incidence of empty locules (segments) inside. Moderately soft & juicy and grainy.
<b>MARION</b>		Mid-Season	Produces medium to large fruit with a mild aromatic flavour with pulp being soft and juicy. A mid-season variety with fruit being ready towards the end of April and through May. 4m x 4m.
<b>OPAL STAR</b>		Late Season	Smooth dark skin with fabulous rich and aromatic flavour. Compact, slow growing plant that has bushy habit so ideal for home gardens, especially for hedging.
<b>POUNAMU</b>	5INC	Early Season	Very dark (greenstone) colour skin. Medium size fruit with rich, smooth, aromatic taste.
<b>SELLOWIANA</b>	97GB	Early-Mid Season	A dark-green dense bush with delicious green fruit that makes an excellent edible hedge or stand-alone plant. Attractive red flowers similar to Pohutakawa are pollinated by birds. Tolerant of exposure and even salt-laden winds near the sea. Evergreen. Hardy. 3m x 3m.
<b>SHERBERT</b>	3GB	Early Season	Strong & vigorous, copes with frosts, drought and strong winds. Big dark green leaves, pale green new growth is covered in a golden fuzz at the tips. When

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			established fruit will grow in excess of 12cm long. The flesh is a nice clean white with clear gel and white seeds; sharp, sherbet flavour – a different taste to most other feijoas. This is the earliest fruiting feijoa variety we know of, with fruit ready to harvest from early March. It is best planted with early flowering varieties such as Takaka or Unique, which will cross-pollinate with Sherbet to produce fruit. Grows approx. 3m x 2m.
<b>SWAN</b>	49GB		Very large round fruit 10-12cm, sweet & fragrant. Vigorous open growing habit Pretty bright pink flowers. Pollinate with sherbert or unique.
<b>TAKAKA</b>	45THI	Early Season	Very early fruit bearer with large fruit that can have a delicious rich tropical flavour. Is a more vigorous growing and larger tree than Waingaro, and Karamea.
<b>TRIUMPH</b>	9GB	Late Season	Triumph produces medium sized fruit with firm skin and good flavour. Slightly gritty, juicy and moderately soft flesh. Late season.
<b>UNIQUE</b>	20MA 8HA 5INC 13GB	Early Season  Self Fertile	A prolific bearer of fruit from a young age. Medium size fruit with smooth, soft and juicy flesh. Early season. If you only have room for one Feijoa tree, plant Unique as it's the only truly self fertile variety.
<b>WIKI TU</b>		Mid-Late Season	Huge fruit on a dwarf growing (2.5m), easily managed and slow growing tree. Sweet and meaty fruit with firm texture and good keeping qualities. Mid-late season. Partially self fertile, though is best with another variety nearby for cross pollination.
<b>WAINGARA</b>	45THI	Early	High yielding & fast-growing. Has higher average fruit weight than Apollo and Unique. The fruit are classic rugby ball shaped and are mostly medium-large sized. Low acid so mild tasting, with a tropical flavour. Very popular in public taste trials. PVR protected.
<b>WHITE GOOSE</b>			Heavy crops of large fruit with semi smooth light green skin. Sweet juicy mild aromatic flavour with flesh that is smooth & soft. Grows 4x4m

## GENERAL FEIJOA INFORMATION

- Feijoas make an attractive evergreen tree. They flower in time for Christmas and fruit from April/May/June onwards depending on variety. They make lovely fruiting hedges or screens (plant 1.5 - 2.5m apart). They are also good as a specimen bush/tree or can be grown in containers. They begin fruiting approximately 2-3 years after planting. Most are medium vigour trees. They are moderately compact and easy to manage. Use the petals for summer salads or freeze for use in winter salads. They are rich in Vitamin C.

## CULTURAL INFORMATION

- Feijoas are frost and drought tolerant (but they require plenty of moisture during fruit development). They will grow in most soils providing good drainage is present.
- They are heavy feeders. Feed with a high nitrogen general fertiliser in late Winter and well-rotted animal manure in Autumn. Feed with All Purpose NPK fertiliser in very early Spring and again just before mid-Summer to maintain healthy and productive trees.
- Train bush to a single trunk, then form a vase shape of about 6 main laterals. Maintain shape by removing branches growing across the tree to keep an open habit. Fruit is formed on current seasons wood, therefore prune for shape, taking care not to remove all new wood. Thinning of fruit may improve fruit size.
- Insects that mainly prey upon the feijoa in the garden are Leaf Roller Caterpillar and scale, both easily controlled by chemical sprays.

## POLLINATION

- Birds pollinate the flowers, pruning to keep the tree open will give them access to all the branches. With pollination being completed by birds, usually in a residential situation, a pollinator is not always necessary. HOWEVER, Cross pollination ensures a heavy yield with good fruit size and pulp. Therefore it is best to plant at least two different varieties to ensure cross pollination.



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- Over the years several fruiting varieties have been selected with self-fertile tendencies or with known pollination affiliations (combinations) and these have a proven performance in quantity of yield and quality of fruit. Seedling grown plants have an unreliable fruiting habit – ie, species Feijoa Sellowiana – therefore best fruiting is obtained by planting in pairs or in groups of mixed named varieties.
- NOTE: Only Feijoa “Unique” is reliably self-fertile. Also, more recently, ‘Apollo’ is considered to be self-fertile as well. KNOWN GOOD COMBINATIONS ARE: Apollo & Gemini. Mammoth & Triumph. HOWEVER: If room permits it is generally recommended to plant three or four different varieties, covering the harvest period – ie, plant x2 early mid season varieties and x2 mid/mid-late season different varieties. This both covers the pollination issue and spreads the time for harvest and market options. The old saying “The more the merrier”!

## HARVESTING

- Harvest when wind fallen fruit starts to appear on the ground. When picking select fruit that is slightly soft to the touch. Feijoas will ripen a little once picked but are best left on the tree to ripen naturally.