



Growing Fruit Trees in Houston

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Why Grow Fruit?

- Homegrown fruit tastes better than anything you can buy in the store.
- It's good for you.
- No pesticide residues if you grow fruit organically.
- It's fun!



**Director of
Quality Control**



**Chief Berry
Inspector**

March-May Berry Season

Strawberries

- Sweet Charlie
- Chandler

Blueberries (Rabbiteye)

- Tiftblue
- Woodard
- Premier
- Climax
- Brightwell

Blackberries

- Kiowa



June-July Apples, Peaches, & Plums

Apples

- Anna
- Dorsett Golden

Peaches

- Tropic Sweet
- Tropic Snow
- MidPride

Plums

- Santa Rosa
- Methley
- Beauty
- Burgundy
- Gulf Blaze



June-July Figs

Figs

- Banana
- Celeste
- LSU Purple
- LSU Gold
- Alma
- BA-1
- Black Jack
- Green Ischia
- Texas Blue Giant
- Petite Negra
- South Carolina Lemon



August-September

Pears & Grapes

Fire Blight Resistant Pears

- Southern King
- Southern Queen
- Meadows
- Acres Home
- Tennhosui

Muscadine Grapes

- Supreme
- Darlene
- Fry
- Cowart
- Ison



October Pomegranates & Persimmons

Pomegranates

- Sharp Velvet
- Pink Satin
- Kandahar Early
- Red Silk

Persimmons (Astringent)

- Native
- Hachiya

Persimmons

(Non-Astringent)

- Fuyu
- Ichi Ki Kei Jiro



November -February

Citrus

Oranges & Blood Oranges

Kumquats & Kumquat
Hybrids

Lemons

Limes

Tangerines, Mandarins, &
Satsumas

Pummelos

Grapefruit

Ujukitsu

Tangelos & Tangelolos

Calamondins



February - March

Loquats

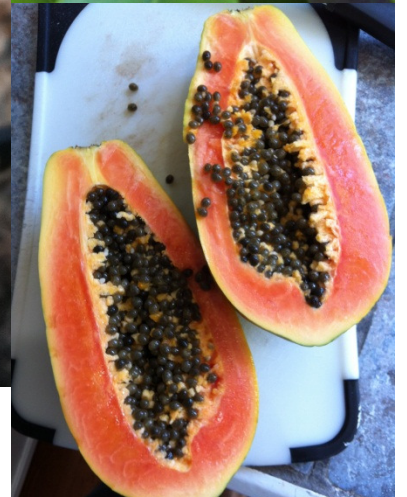
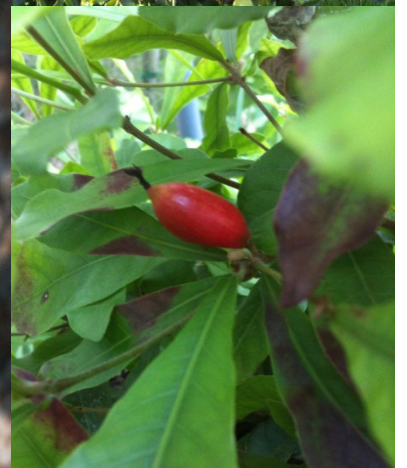
Loquat are very special because they:

- Fruit when little else is available.
- Are common landscape plants, so you don't need a loquat tree to get fruit.
- Are tough, easy to grow trees.
- Are delicious!



Other Possibilities

- Avocados
- Papayas
- Cherries
- Mulberries
- Pineapple Guavas
- Cherry of the Rio Grande
- Grumichamas
- Miracle Fruit
- Jaboticabas
- Surinam Cherry
- Star Fruit
- Jujubes



For More Information

Urban Harvest

www.urbanharvest.org

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**“The best time to plant a tree
was ten years ago. The second
best time is today.”**



Questions?

