

PEACH VARIETIES FOR 2024



Peaches and nectarines are almost identical; the major difference is the fuzzy skin of the peach versus the waxy, smooth skin of the nectarine. Providing beautiful blossoms and fruit with incomparable flavor, peaches are worth the maintenance it takes to grow them in our climate.

There are genetic dwarf peaches available which only reach about 5 or 6 feet. Semi-dwarfing rootstocks such as St. Julian A will produce trees which will only reach 12-15'. Genetic dwarf peaches are natural dwarf hybrids (they have been selected, not engineered). These selections are then grafted onto a standard rootstock. Genetic dwarfs have been developed to produce normal sized fruit on tightly spaced fruit buds. Therefore they require fruit thinning. These trees require little pruning and are perfect for containers.

The major problem that peaches have in this climate is peach leaf curl, a fungal disease which infects the bud scales in mid to late winter as the buds begin to swell. There are varieties of peaches available which are resistant to the disease. Cleanliness around infected trees, and dormant sprays with copper help with prevention. If your tree does get it, feed it with a high nitrogen fertilizer when the first set of leaves drops (a second set of leaves will be produced). Peaches bear fruit on the previous year's growth, so it is important to get as much growth as possible every spring.

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BONANZA	Self-fertile. Genetic dwarf, to 4-5'. Med-large yellow fruit with red blush. Highly aromatic, freestone flesh. Often fruits the first year. Great for containers!
ELDORADO	Self-fertile. Genetic dwarf, ideal for container. Produces flavorful, freestone fruit with red blush. Ripens early August.
FLORY	Self-fertile. Genetic dwarf, to 4-5'. Small fruit, with white flesh. Ripens in July. Showy, double, red flowers.
FROST	Self-fertile. One of the most peach leaf curl resistant varieties. Medium to large, yellow fruit with yellow freestone flesh of good flavor. Good for canning and fresh eating. Ripens mid-August.
GARDEN GOLD	Self-fertile. Very vigorous genetic dwarf, to 5-6'. Yellow fruit blushed red, with meltingly soft, yellow, freestone flesh of excellent flavor. Ripens in August.
HONEY BABE	Self-fertile. Sweet, richly flavored, yellow fleshed, freestone fruit on a heavy bearing, genetic dwarf tree, to 4-5'. Fragrant, frilly, pink flowers in spring.
OREGON CURL-FREE	Self-fertile. Large, semi-freestone fruit is sweet, juicy, and firm. Great for cooking and preserving. Recommended for the PNW where peach leaf curl is a problem.
PIX ZEE	Self-fertile. Strong, vigorous genetic dwarf, to 6'. Delicious, yellow, clingstone fruit heavily blushed red. Ripens late July.
SATURN	Self-fertile. Very ornamental, double, dark pink flowers. Large, oddly doughnut-shaped fruit with sweet, juicy, white flesh.
VETERAN	Self-fertile. Med-large, freestone fruit is yellow blushed red. Firm, yellow flesh is easy to peel. Good fresh and also canned or frozen. Vigorous, early bearing variety. One of the most cold hardy. Large, pink blooms in spring.