



NECTARINES

Providing beautiful blossoms and fruit with incomparable flavor, nectarines are worth the maintenance it takes to grow them in this climate.

There are genetic dwarf nectarines available, which 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 nectarines are natural dwarf hybrids (they have not been engineered). Genetic dwarfs have been developed to produce normal sized fruit on tightly spaced fruit buds, and require fruit thinning. These trees are perfect for containers. If the tree is kept in a container it can be moved into a covered area which will help reduce infection of peach leaf curl.

The major problem that nectarines have in this climate is peach leaf curl. Peach leaf curl is a fungal disease which infects the bud scales in mid to late winter as the buds begin to swell. Although there are varieties of peaches available which are resistant to the disease, we do not carry many disease resistant nectarines. Cleanliness around infected trees and dormant sprays with copper help prevent the disease. For more information please visit our Information desk.

VARIETIES

FANTASIA	Nice large fruit with yellow skin and red blush. Ripens in August. Prune to keep small. Self fertile and freestone.
GOLDEN PROLIFIC	Genetic dwarf reaching 5' tall. Medium to large fruit with yellow, freestone flesh. Good for cold areas.
HARDY RED	Smooth, almost completely red skin. Medium firm, yellow, freestone flesh. Good texture and flavor. Vigorous, productive and self-fruitful. Resistant to brown rot and bacterial leaf spot. Ripens uniformly in early August. Zones 5-8
LEPRECHAUN	Genetic dwarf to 4-5'. Medium-large red fruit with yellow firm flesh with good flavor. Fully freestone.
RED GOLD	Self fertile variety. Yellow flesh that is freestone. Produces firm, juicy fruit. 12-15'.