



Fruit Trees - Fact Sheet

What are fruit trees?

A 'fruit tree' can be described as any sort of perennial tree or shrub that yields something that we can use for food. Many types of fruit trees grow very well in the Sydney region.

At Kimbriki's Eco House and Garden we have many well established fruit trees including banana, bay tree, carob, coffee, curry leaf, guava (cherry, pineapple and large pink), lemon, lemon myrtle, lilly pilli, loquat, macadamia, native cheese tree (*Glochidion ferdinandi*), native raspberry, olive, orange, paw paw, pear, Tahitian lime, tamarillo, white mulberry as well as herbs such as rosemary and lemon verbena.

Why grow fruit trees?

Fruit trees are not only ornamental but productive, yielding fresh fruit for you and your family. There is nothing quite as satisfying as eating a delicious piece of fruit from a tree you have planted and taken care of yourself.

How to grow fruit trees?

Before planting fruit trees it is important to get to know your garden. Observing your garden at different times of the day and through different seasons will allow you to choose fruit trees that will thrive in your garden.

Choosing the appropriate place to plant your fruit trees will be influenced by:

- Space Available - approx 2m x 2m per tree;
- Soil type - fruit trees prefer 'loam' soils;
- Drainage - good drainage essential for all fruit trees;
- Aspect - fruit trees prefer a sunny position and shelter from strong winds.

The best time to plant fruit trees is during autumn and spring.

Fruit tree facts

- Growing fruit trees in your garden is a wonderful way to provide your family with fresh fruit.
- Spend time getting to know your garden to choose the right location and species for your situation before you make the investment in purchasing a fruit tree.
- Spend some time specifically researching your chosen fruit tree to ensure you yield the best results.
- Different species of fruit trees have different pruning requirements so do your research.

*To learn more about growing fruit trees come along to one of Kimbriki Eco House and Garden's **Fruit Trees** workshops.*

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