

Fruit Trees & Berries: Helpful Picks for PNW Gardeners

These groupings highlight varieties that perform especially well in the Pacific Northwest, support pollinators, or suit specific garden goals like small spaces or preserving.

Best for Pacific Northwest Performance

Reliable, climate-adapted, and forgiving for new gardeners.

Apples

- Liberty — disease resistant, dependable
- Cosmic Crisp — long keeper, strong performance
- Chehalis — local favorite
- Williams Pride — early, low-spray
- Spartan — McIntosh-type, reliable

Stone Fruit

- Puget Gold Apricot — bred for the PNW
- Frost Peach — one of the most dependable peaches
- Rainier Cherry — thrives in cooler summers

Figs

- Desert King — best fig for the PNW
- Olympian — local selection

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- Chicago Hardy — cold tolerant

Nut Trees

- Cascade Walnut — PNW adapted
 - Jefferson Filbert — blight resistant
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Great for Pollinators & Beneficial Insects

Early bloom, abundant flowers, and long nectar windows.

Crabapples

- Centennial — ornamental and culinary
- Dolgo — very hardy, abundant bloom

Fruit Trees with Notable Bloom

- Gravenstein Apple — early flowering
- Cox's Orange Pippin — aromatic blossoms
- Italian Plum — pollinator-friendly spring bloom

Fruiting Shrubs

- Aronia 'Autumn Magic' — spring flowers, fall color
 - Autumn Olive — nitrogen-fixing, early nectar
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Best for Fresh Eating

Sweet, crisp, and excellent right off the tree.

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Apples

- Honeycrisp — famously crisp
- Cosmic Crisp — juicy and balanced
- Snowsweet — low browning
- Macoun — rich flavor
- Hudson's Golden Gem — pear-like sweetness

Cherries

- Rainier — exceptionally sweet
- Bing — classic fresh eating

Pears

- Bartlett — juicy and familiar
- Harrow Delight — sweet and reliable

Best for Cooking, Baking & Preserving

Ideal for pies, sauces, cider, jams, and drying.

Apples

- Belle de Boskoop — excellent baking
- Gravenstein — sauce and cider
- Yellow Transparent — very early sauce apple
- Ashmead's Kernel — complex flavor

Plums

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- Italian Plum — drying and baking
- Stanley — dependable culinary plum

Cherries

- Montmorency — classic pie cherry
- North Star — compact and productive

Berries and Shrubs

- Boysenberry — preserves and desserts
 - Aronia 'Nero' — syrups and jams
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Great for Small Gardens & Urban Spaces

Compact growth, columnar forms, or multi-grafted trees.

Columnar Apples

- Gold Sentinel
- Northpole
- Scarlet Sentinel
- Tangy Green

Miniature and Compact Trees

- Nectar Babe Nectarine
- Bonanza Peach
- Pixzee Peach

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- Little Miss Figgy Fig

Combination Trees

- Apple combination trees — multiple harvests on one tree
 - Asian pear combination trees — extended season
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Ornamental Interest with Edible Value

Beautiful trees that earn their place in the landscape.

- Centennial Crabapple — colorful fruit
 - Lucy Rose Apple — pink flesh
 - Pink Pearl Apple — striking interior
 - Weeping Santa Rosa Plum — dramatic form
 - Contorted White Mulberry — sculptural habit
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Cold-Hardy Choices

Extra insurance for exposed sites or colder winters.

- Dolgo Crabapple
- Chicago Hardy Fig
- Wepster Filbert
- Carpathian Walnut
- Carmine Jewel Cherry

Easy First Trees for New Gardeners

Low-maintenance, productive, and confidence-building.

- Liberty Apple
- Cosmic Crisp Apple
- Frost Peach
- Rainier Cherry
- Desert King Fig
- Jefferson Filbert