

## Backbone Valley Nursery 2011-2012 Fruit Tree Selections

All fruit trees sold at Backbone Valley Nursery are varieties recommended by Texas A&M for our local area or are varieties that are staff favorites.

### BLACKBERRIES:

**2 Gallon size-\$19.95**

❖ **Blackberries do not need a pollinator.** Blackberries are deeply rooted and prefer deep soil that is well drained. Full sun is best. Plant 2-4 ft. apart in rows 6-9 ft. apart.

**Arapaho** - Thornless variety. Disease resistant with a long shelf life. Great for Texas. Fast growth rate. An excellent sweet flavor, good size, firm fruit, and heavy production. Patented.

**Kiowa** - Very large berries. Firm with excellent flavor. Good disease resistance. Ripens over long period beginning in mid-June.

**Apache** - Thornless with very upright hardy canes, very large fruit, excellent flavor. Patented.

### PLUMS:

**5 Gallon size-\$29.95**

❖ **Some plums need a pollinator. Different varieties. Self-fertile trees produce more when a second tree is present.** Space 20'-25' apart.

**Methley** - Medium to large fruit with purplish skin. Flesh is amber tinged with red, delicious flavor. Ripens in early June. **Self-fertile.**

**Santa Rosa** - Fast growing tree. The fruit is medium-large, firm, sweet, juicy, and aromatic. The fruit is firm and of good quality. Ripens late June. **Self fertile.**

**Morris** - Large red-purple plum with purple flesh. Ripens mid- June. **Requires a pollinator.**

### PLUMCOTS:

**5 Gallon size -\$29.95**

❖ **Plumcots need a pollinator, Methley or Santa Rosa work well.** Mature trees usually reach a height of 20 ft., with a 20 ft. spread.

**Blue Satin** - Produces well in all areas. Combines the spritely flavor of a plum with apricot sweetness. Ripens in mid June.

### PEACHES:

**5 Gallon size-\$29.95**

❖ **Peaches are self-fertile.** Plant 20 ft. apart in amended, well drained soils. Plant early and late varieties for peaches all summer.

**Loring** - Large freestone peach with yellow skin and red blushing. Flesh is yellow, firm, melting, medium texture, flavor quality extremely good. Very showy blooms. Ripens mid-July.

**Redskin** - Large fruit with deep red skin all over. Flesh yellow, melting, non-browning, firm, fine flavor. Excellent peach for eating, shipping, or canning. Ripens in early August.

**Belle of Georgia** - White fleshed with pink veins. Med. to large, very sweet, red blushed. Excellent flavor. Ripens late June- early July.

**Ranger** - Large fruit, sweet yellow flesh, heavy producer, ripens mid-late June.

**Harvester** - Medium to large peach with bright red skin evenly blushed with yellow. Fine texture, acidic, good quality, yellow flesh. Uniform ripening in late June.

### NECTARINE:

**5 Gallon size-\$29.95**

❖ **Nectarines are self-pollinating.**

**Surecrop** - Large, juicy, sweet with a red skin and totally fuzzless. Ripens mid-season.

## FIGS:

**5 Gallon size-\$29.95**

❖ **Figs are self-pollinating and may be planted alone.**

**Texas Everbearing (Brown Turkey)** - Medium sized fig adapted to Central Texas. Tree is vigorous and productive. Early crop ripens in May; the main crop ripens in late June and continues to ripen into August. Nearly seedless fruit with a mild sweet flavor.

**Celeste** - Smaller fig, brown to purple colored, and adapted to all areas of Texas. Most cold hardy of all fig varieties. Large tree that is very productive and vigorous. Crops ripen mid-June before other fig varieties.

## PEARS:

**5 Gallon size -\$29.95\***

❖ **Most pears need another variety for cross-pollination so plant more than one variety.**

**Three-in-One** - Grafted with Ayers, Bartlett and Kieffer. \*(\$15.00 higher for grafting)

**Bartlett** - Large bright yellow fruit with aromatic juicy flesh, excellent for eating, cooking or canning.

**Kieffer** - Large yellow fruit blushed crimson. White juicy crisp flesh. Ripens late September. Blight resistant and self-fertile. Does well in hot climates.

**Moonglow** - Fire blight resistant, best for fresh eating, high quality fruit, ripens early summer.

## APPLES:

**5 Gallon size-\$29.95**

❖ **More than one variety of apple must be planted for cross-pollination!**

**Granny Smith** - Granny Smith apples are a deep green with an occasional pink blush of the cheeks. They have a high juice content and keep very well.

**Mollies Red Delicious** - Greenish-white flesh is sweet and crisp. Ripens late Aug. to early Sept.

**Gala** - Medium sized fruit with. Reddish or yellowish green. Sweet grainy with a mild flavor. Ripens late July to early Aug. Partial self-pollinator, but plant more than one for better production.

**Fuji** - Dense flesh is sweet, crisp with long shelf life. Green skin with red stripes. Mid-season bloom. Ripens late October.

## PECANS:

**30 Gallon size-\$250.00 /15 Gallon size-\$125.00**

❖ **Mix early and late pollinators for best nut set. All varieties do better with a pollinator.** Mature height and canopy width of 30 x 30 ft.

**Choctaw** - Late pollinating variety with very large nuts and soft-shell. Early bearing variety with good production. Large tree that is excellent for home shade. Resistant to scab, semi self-fertile. Ripens November 10 to November 25.

**Desirable** - Early pollinating variety with large nuts and a medium soft shell. Very productive and consistent bearer. Very good eating quality. Large shade tree. Disease and scab resistant. Semi self-fertile variety that ripens October 25 to November 10.

**Pawnee** - Early pollinating variety with large, soft shell, and high kernel percentage. Pecans mature before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Strong and vigorous tree. Bears at early age.

**Kiowa** - Mid season pollinating variety. Great structure tree, large kernals, good crops after 6 years, cross pollinates well with Desirable Pecan.

## GRAPES:

2 Gallon size-\$19.95

**Champonelle** - Large black grape with white bloom. Thin, but tough skin with tender, juicy flesh. Good table grape. Large, loose cluster. Ripens evenly, not given to cracking or dropping. Very resistant to heat and drought. Does well in any soil including alkaline and black soils. Adapted to north central Texas. Cane pruning. Hardy to Zone 6. Ripens early July.

**Black Spanish (Le Noir)** - Small. Blackish-blue skin. Juicy. Heavy and regular producer. Good for juice and jelly. Resistant to Pierce Disease and mildew. Cane pruning. Ripens August to September.

**Reliance** - Red-fruited seedless grape. Great eating grape or excellent for jellies and juices. Stores well. Has medium-sized clusters. Hardy and vigorous grower.

**Seibel** - Large. Whitish-yellow fruit. Large clusters. Medium vine vigor, very cold hardy. Good wine and table variety. Good selection for the Southwest. Spur pruning. Ripens August into September, with Concord.

**Venus** - Seedless table grape blue when ripe. Med. size grape in med. size cluster. Early ripening.