

Home Orchard Resources

UC Davis California Backyard Orchard comprehensive website for fruits, nuts & berries

HomeOrchard.ucanr.edu

10 years' searchable archived discussions about growing fruit in the North Bay

CRFG-Redwood.org/fruit-talk/

Orchardist Garden Club & Cider Press

The California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG.org) is the largest amateur fruit-growing organization in the world. Its membership includes nationally recognized botanical gardens and noted international horticultural researchers, as well as hobbyists, commercial growers and representatives from institutions of higher learning. The members reside in 48 states and territories of the United States, but the membership encompasses over 35 countries worldwide. Although oriented toward the environmentally sound culture of all edible plants in the home landscape, CRFG is focused on species not native to -nor grown commercially- in any given area. Its mission is to share knowledge acquired from its activities with home growers in particular and with anyone else in the world having an interest in edible plant cultivation. The Redwood Chapter also has a Correll cider press just like the Slow Food Community Apple Press model, and a juicer, that members can use for free that can be checked out for days at a time. Dues \$39/year includes a fabulous magazine.

Scion Exchange for grafting material and classes

Fruit tree cuttings/scions, and expert custom-grafted trees will be for sale to the public at low cost by the California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG) garden club on **Saturday January 26th 2019** 10:00AM until 1:00PM, at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building at 1351 Maple Ave, 95404, across from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. The annual CRFG.org Scion and Plant Exchange is where over 500 varieties of common, rare and experimental scions and fruiting plants from all over Northern California are available. A \$5 admission fee gets you a wide selection of scions, and includes all pruning and grafting classes. Custom grafting of your scion selections to available rootstocks by expert grafters is available for just a few dollars more. Learn how to make your own "fruit salad tree" or backyard "fruit jungle"! Proceeds fund agricultural scholarships and donations to worthy fruit-oriented non-profit organizations. The local chapter has donated over \$20,000 to local agricultural organizations, grants and scholarships. Bring a gallon baggie, tape and Sharpie to mark your scion acquisitions. More details, and photos for the media, at CRFG-Redwood.org
In July the chapter makes and sells over 200 uncommon varieties of fruit trees in 5 gal pots for \$20 each.

List of Local Apples and Ripening Dates

Keith Borglum for Slow Food Russian River Slow Salon with Applause For Apples, Oct 28, 2018
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<http://www.slowfoodrr.org/projects/sebastopol-gravenstein-apple-presidium/apples-of-sonoma-county/>

Fruit Tree Pollinator Compatibility Lists

OrangePippinTrees.com

TreeFruit.wsu.edu/web-article/apple-pollination/

Note that Gravensteins are triploids and require 2 different pollinators which must both be of *different* varieties and able to cross-pollinate each other as well as the Gravenstein. Alternatively choose a single self-fertile pollination partner.

It is worth remembering that most white-blossom crab apple trees make excellent pollinators for almost any apple variety. This is because they produce very large quantities of pollen over a long period and are (with some exceptions) only distantly related to mainstream apple varieties so their pollen is highly compatible.