# Apple Variety and Pollenizer Information

Getting reliable and good yields from apple trees generally requires that more than one variety be present for proper cross-pollination. The chart below lists the various types that we have carried and their bloom times.

Choose the letter corresponding to the bloom time (A-E), and make sure that the varieties that you are considering are not more than 1 letter apart. In other words, A-B works, B-D works, but A-D would not reliably work. This is not applicable to multi-graft specimens, as they are already properly balanced for pollination.

Also, varieties in **bold** are considered partially self-fertile, but will benefit from a companion (these are also some of the best pollenizers). Varieties in *italics* do not produce (much) viable pollen, and will not reliably pollinate other varieties. Many Crabapples are also great apple pollinizers, and are also listed.

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## Variety | Ripe | Size/Shape | Color | Taste/Uses/Etc. |
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### Early Bloom (A)

- **Gravenstein**
  - Ripe: E
  - Size/Shape: Large round-flattened
  - Color: Orange-yellow, red stripes
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Old fashioned pie/cider/cooking apple

- **Idared**
  - Ripe: VL
  - Size/Shape: Large
  - Color: Bright Red
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Crisp, mildly acidic, used a lot for cooking

- **Lodi**
  - Ripe: VE
  - Size/Shape: Large
  - Color: Green
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Cooking apple. Sweet-tart flavor

- **Yellow Transparent**
  - Ripe: VE
  - Size/Shape: Medium-large
  - Color: Transparent pale-yellow
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Sweet, good for applesauce, cooking, eating

### Early-Mid Bloom (B)

- **Braeburn**
  - Ripe: VL
  - Size/Shape: Medium-large
  - Color: Yellow, orange-red blush
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: High Quality, early bearing

- **Liberty**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Medium-large
  - Color: Orange, red blush covered
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Disease resistant! Good for any use.

- **Pink Pearl**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Medium
  - Color: Green/cream skin
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Pink flesh, pink flowers, sweet. Ornamental!!

- **Red Jonathan**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Medium, round
  - Color: Bright Red
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Good eater/cooker, nice looking fruit

- **Red McIntosh**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Medium-large
  - Color: Bright dark red
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Tart, spicy. Good for cider, fresh eating.

- **Scarlet Sentinel - columnar**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Very Large
  - Color: Greenish yellow and red
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Crisp, sweet, juicy white flesh. Very Productive.

### Mid Bloom (C)

- **Ashmead's Kernel**
  - Ripe: VL
  - Size/Shape: Medium, round-conical
  - Color: Greenish yellow, brown flush

- **Fireside**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Large, conical
  - Color: Green, scarlet striping
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Crisp, sweet, juicy. Good keeper.

- **Gala**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Medium, oval-round
  - Color: Golden, heavy scarlet striping
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Semisweet, very hardy, popular

- **Golden Delicious**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Large, conical
  - Color: Golden Yellow
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Mild, sweet. High Quality

- **Golden Russet**
  - Ripe: VL
  - Size/Shape: Medium
  - Color: Gray-green to golden bronze
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: A classic cider apple - very sugary juice, highly flavored

- **Golden Sentinel - columnar**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Large
  - Color: Golden Yellow
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Sweet, Juicy, Delicious

- **Jonagold**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Large
  - Color: Bright yellow, red stripes
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Slightly tart, good for fresh use, good keeper

- **Northpole - columnar**
  - Ripe: M
  - Size/Shape: Large
  - Color: Bright Red
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Crisp, Juicy, Aromatic. Early Ripening

- **Pink Lady**
  - Ripe: L
  - Size/Shape: Medium-large, oblong
  - Color: Green-yellow, pink blush
  - Taste/Uses/Etc.: Great keeper, fine-grained white flesh
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<td>Large round-oblong</td>
<td>Dark Red</td>
<td>Most popular. Mild taste, good fresh.</td>
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<td>Redchief</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Large round-oblong</td>
<td>Dark Red</td>
<td>Most popular. Mild taste, good fresh. An improved Red Delicious</td>
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<td>Scarlet Surprise</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Bright red flesh. Sweet and flavorful. Attractive blossoms.</td>
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<td>(Esopus) Spitzenberg</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Red, dotted with yellow</td>
<td>Crisp, fine grained. Late Season.</td>
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<td>Yellow Newtown (Pippin)</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Greenish-yellow</td>
<td>Rich, aromatic, crisp, coarse, creamy flesh.</td>
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<td>Akane</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Medium, round</td>
<td>Bright Red, White Flesh</td>
<td>Outstanding red dessert apple, crisp, tart</td>
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<td>Fuji</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Medium, tall</td>
<td>Grass Green</td>
<td>Crispy, juicy, white flesh</td>
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<td>Granny Smith</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Yellow green</td>
<td>Sweet, popular for baking</td>
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<td>Honeycrisp</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Mottled red over yellow</td>
<td>Very crisp flesh, excellent eating and keeping qualities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Melrose</td>
<td>VL</td>
<td>Large, flattened</td>
<td>Yellow green streaked red</td>
<td>Firm, juicy, creamy flesh. Good cooking and dessert quality.</td>
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<td>Red Fuji</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Medium round-oblong</td>
<td>80% red with a distinct stripe</td>
<td>Sweet, good keeper with great texture</td>
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<td>Spartan</td>
<td>VL</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>Deep red, pure white flesh</td>
<td>Great for fresh eating, heavy bearing</td>
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<td>Wolf River</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Gigantic</td>
<td>Pale yellow, pale red flush</td>
<td>Soft, tender, creamy flesh, good dessert apple</td>
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<td>Malus ‘Snowdrift’</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Cox’s Orange Pippen</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Medium, conical</td>
<td>Orange w/ red stripes</td>
<td>Excellent dessert apple, yellow flesh</td>
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<td>Criterion</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Red Delicious type</td>
<td>Yellow, Reddish-pink blush</td>
<td>Mildly sweet, heavy producer, excellent keeper</td>
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<td>Red Rome Beauty</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>Large, round</td>
<td>Bright red</td>
<td>Unique tart flavor. Good for baking</td>
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<td>Red Spy (Red Northern Spy)</td>
<td>VL</td>
<td>Large round-flattened</td>
<td>Green-yellow w/pink stripes</td>
<td>Tart, aromatic, good all purpose apple</td>
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<td>Malus ‘Golden Raindrops’</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Malus ‘Indian Magic’</td>
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<td>Malus ‘Indian Summer’</td>
<td>NA</td>
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