

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 pollinize other varieties. Many Crabapples are also great apple pollenizers, and are also listed.

Ripening Times

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Variety **Ripe** **Size/Shape** **Color** **Taste/Uses/Etc.**

Early Bloom (A)

<i>Gravenstein</i>	E	Large round-flattened	Orange-yellow, red stripes	Old fashioned pie/cider/cooking apple
Idared	VL	Large	Bright Red	Crisp, mildy acidic, used a lot for cooking
Lodi	VE	Large	Green	Cooking apple. Sweet-tart flavor
Yellow Transparent	VE	Medium-large	Transparent pale-yellow	Sweet, good for applesauce, cooking, eating

Early-Mid Bloom (B)

Braeburn	VL	Medium-large	Yellow, orange-red blush	High Quality, early bearing
Liberty	L	Medium-large	Orange, red blush covered	Disease resistant! Good for any use.
Pink Pearl	M	Medium	Green/cream skin	Pink flesh, pink flowers, sweet. Ornamental!!
Red Jonathan	L	Medium, round	Bright Red	Good eater/cooker, nice looking fruit
Red McIntosh	M	Medium-large	Bright dark red	Tart, spicy. Good for cider, fresh eating.
Scarlet Sentinel - columnar	M	Very Large	Greenish yellow and red	Crisp, sweet, juicy white flesh. Very Productive.

Mid Bloom (C)

Ashmead's Kernel	VL	Medium, round-conical	Greenish yellow, brown flush	Yellowish flesh. Unique nut-like flavor when ripe - great for cider.
Fireside	L	Large, conical	Green, scarlet striping	Crisp, sweet, juicy. Good keeper.
Gala	M	Medium, oval-round	Golden, heavy scarlet striping	Semisweet, very hardy, popular
Golden Delicious	L	Large, conical	Golden Yellow	Mild, sweet. High Quality
Golden Russet	VL	Medium	Gray-green to golden bronze	A classic cider apple - very sugary juice, highly flavored
Golden Sentinel - columnar	M	Large	Golden Yellow	Sweet, Juicy, Delicious
<i>Jonagold</i>	L	Large	Bright yellow, red stripes	Slightly tart, good for fresh use, good keeper
Northpole - columnar	M	Large	Bright Red	Crisp, Juicy, Aromatic. Early Ripening
Pink Lady	L	Medium-large, oblong	Green-yellow, pink blush	Great keeper, fine-grained white flesh

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Mid Bloom (C)

Red Delicious	L	Large round-oblong	Dark Red	Most popular. Mild taste, good fresh.
Redchief	L	Large round-oblong	Dark Red	Most popular. Mild taste, good fresh. An improved Red Delicious
Scarlet Surprise	M	Medium	Red	Bright red flesh. Sweet and flavorful. Attractive blossoms.
(Esopus) Spitzenberg	L	Moderate	Red, dotted with yellow	Crisp, fine grained. Late Season.
Yellow Newtown (Pippin)	L	Medium	Greenish-yellow	Rich, aromatic, crisp, coarse, creamy flesh.

Mid-Late Bloom (D)

Akane	M	Medium, round	Bright Red, White Flesh	Outstanding red dessert apple, crisp, tart
Fuji	L	Medium, tall	Yellow green skin	Crispy, juicy, white flesh
Granny Smith	L	Large	Grass Green	Sweet, popular for baking
Honeycrisp	L	Medium	Mottled red over yellow	Very crisp flesh, excellent eating and keeping qualities
Melrose	VL	Large, flattened	Yellow green streaked red	Firm, juicy, creamy flesh. Good cooking and dessert quality.
Red Fuji	L	Medium round-oblong	80% red with a distinct stripe	Sweet, good keeper with great texture
Spartan	VL	Medium	Deep red, pure white flesh	Great for fresh eating, heavy bearing
Wolf River	L	Gigantic	Pale yellow, pale red flush	Soft, tender, creamy flesh, good dessert apple
Malus 'Snowdrift'	NA	NA	NA	An excellent pollenizer for mid and late blooming apples

Late Bloom (E)

Cox's Orange Pippin	L	Medium, conical	Orange w/ red stripes	Excellent dessert apple, yellow flesh
Criterion	L	Red Delicious type	Yellow, Reddish-pink blush	Mildly sweet, heavy producer, excellent keeper
Red Rome Beauty	L	Large, round	Bright red	Unique tart flavor. Good for baking
Red Spy (Red Northern Spy)	VL	Large round-flattened	Green-yellow w/pink stripes	Tart, aromatic, good all purpose apple
Malus 'Golden Raindrops'	NA	NA	NA	An excellent pollenizer for late blooming apples
Malus 'Indian Magic'	NA	NA	NA	An excellent pollenizer for late blooming apples
Malus 'Indian Summer'	NA	NA	NA	An excellent pollenizer for late blooming apples
Malus 'Prairie Fire'	NA	NA	NA	An excellent pollenizer for late blooming apples

Note: Actual bloom and ripening times will vary slightly based on weather, temperatures, and location. The information given here is approximate for Western Oregon, but may differ slightly from year to year, by up to a month in some situations.

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