Central Leader Pruning

Try Hog or Creek Plums for an easy-to-care-for alternative.

Try Dewberries for an easy-to-care-for alternative.

Blackberry (native) (not illustrated)

Strawberry

Jujube

Apple

Moist, well-drained soils preferred. Full sunlight. Tolerant of very alkaline soil if it drains well.

Disease tolerant No, a separate root rot, apple scab, brown rot, scab, can occur unless others

Tangles of summer scales cannot be removed. Tangle of pests can only be controlled by insecticides or fungicides.


Plum curculio, webworms, tent caterpillars, leaf borers, spidermites, stink bugs, Aphids, weevils, fire ants, and mites, rasp-thrips, Botrytis, extreme mildew, and other fungal diseases can occur.

Few Few Yes Drought tolerant, but irrigate for fruit production. Root rot, apple scab, brown rot, scab, can occur unless others

Tree pruning and care information

Fruit and nut trees are a special and often undervalued and underappreciated part of the urban foodint. Unlike vegetables, they continue to produce for many years and even a great snack for birds and adults. They are an excellent source of vitamin, minerals, protein, fats, and oils. Some of the larger savory fruits like persimmon, provide shade for yards and flowers. All trees cost the air around them through the process of photosynthesis. This is the combined process of transpiration and respiration.

Growing fruit and nut trees and plants contributes to food security/food, more nutritious, food and lower food miles. Eating locally reduces people's dependence on the large national system of food production and distribution that fills grocery store shelves. Natural and man-made disasters can affect this system of distribution. In the US, poor citizens spend an average of $3,000 to $4,000 each year on food alone. These food costs directly affect your impact on climate change and your carbon footprint. Also, produces transported over long distances from many of its nutrients on flavor whencompared to being picked fresh from tree or vine. Give your own food and support other local urban farmers by buying local to help reduce your carbon footprint.

In this Fruit & Nut Tree Guide you’ll find:

• Beautiful illustrations of recommended fruit and nut bearing trees for Central Texas.
• Detailed information about each tree to help you choose the appropriate trees for your site and needs.
• Free planting instructions.
• Fruit-growing care information.

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