



# Golden Delicious Apple Malus 'Golden Delicious'

Height: 20 feet Spread: 20 feet Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 5a

## **Description:**

Probably the most popular apple, late harvest; the perfect combination of accent and fruit tree, needs well-drained soil and full sun. Pollinators: Cortland, Fuji, Spartan, Granny Smith, Honey Crisp, Pink Lady, Red Delicious, Red Rome.

#### **Edible Qualities**

Golden Delicious Apple is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large chartreuse round apples (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with yellow overtones and white flesh which are usually ready for picking from early to mid fall. The apples have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The apples are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Sauces

## **Features & Attributes**

Golden Delicious Apple features showy clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy chartreuse apples with yellow overtones, which are carried in abundance in mid fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.



Golden Delicious Apple fruit Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Golden Delicious Apple flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



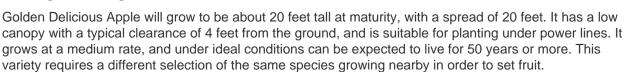
This is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Golden Delicious Apple is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

# **Planting & Growing**



This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



Golden Delicious Apple in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder