Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf)

Malus 'Golden Delicious'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

One of the most popular yellowish-green apple, crunchy with a sweet flavor, mid harvest season. Needs well-drained soil & full sun.Partially self-fruitful but produces better with a cross pollinator; Granny Smith, Honeycrisp or Enterprise.

Edible Qualities

Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) 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



Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) fruit
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Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) flowers
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Features & Attributes

Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) features showy clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches from early to 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 from mid spring to early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.



Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) in bloom
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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
- Insects

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

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Apple, Golden Delicious (Semi Dwarf) will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

Growing fruit trees is a very tasty and rewarding food source, it does take time, energy and devotion to maintain so if you are up for the task. Apple trees need to be on a regular spray program see our website, products, fruit trees.