Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese

Diospyros kaki 'Giant Fuyu'



Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: syn. D. chinensis Blume, Asian Persimmon, Keg Fig

Description:

A popular cultivar producing large, deep orange fruit; flowers in mid-summer and fruit ripens in late October to early November; typically round-topped with an open, erect habit; fruit has a sweet honey flavor, delicious for fresh eating or preserves

Edible Qualities

Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese is a medium-sized tree that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces large orange round fruit (technically 'pomes') which are usually ready for picking from early to mid fall. The fruits have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Preserves

Features & Attributes

Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese has bluish-green foliage with brown undersides which emerges chartreuse in spring on a tree with a round habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves turn orange in fall. The fruits are showy orange pomes 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.

This is an open multi-stemmed 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Persimmon, Giant Fuyu Japanese will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

For plants rated USDA zone 7, these plants survive our average winter conditions, however, they may need mulching or winter protection when we get extreme winter conditions like low teens or single digits. For plants rated USDA zone 8 and above, these plants will not survive our winter temperatures, so they need to be either brought inside or replaced annually.