

# Exotic Fruits

## Tikal Pink Guava

The Tikal Guava, *Psidium guajava*, is a compact guava tree that produces large, yellow-skinned fruit with pink flesh. The Tikal Guava is fast-growing and is generally pest and disease resistant. Average mature height: 6-8 feet

## Sugar Apple

The sugar apple tree ranges from 10 to 20 ft in height with open crown of irregular branches, and some-what zigzag twigs. Deciduous leaves, along the branch tips, opposite the leaves, the fragrant flowers are borne singly or in groups of 2 to 4. The compound fruit is nearly round, ovoid, or conical; 2 1/3 to 4 in long; its thick rind composed of knobby segments, separating when the fruit is ripe and revealing the mass of conically segmented, creamy-white, glistening, delightfully fragrant, juicy, sweet, delicious flesh.

## Soursop

Soursop (also graviola, guyabano, and in Latin America, guanábana) is the fruit of *Annona muricata*, a broadleaf, flowering, evergreen tree. The exact origin is unknown; it is native to the tropical regions of the Americas and the Caribbean and is widely propagated. The soursop is adapted to areas of high humidity and relatively warm winters; temperatures below 41 °F will cause damage to leaves and small branches, and temperatures below 37 °F can be fatal.

## Pomegranate

An attractive shrub or small tree, to 20 or 30 ft (6 or 10 m) high, the pomegranate is much-branched, more or less spiny, and extremely long-lived, some specimens at Versailles known to have survived two centuries

## Loquat

A tree of moderate size, the loquat may reach 20 to 30 ft (6-9 in), has a rounded crown, short trunk, and woolly new twigs. The fruits, in clusters of 4 to 30, are oval, rounded or pear-shaped, 1 to 2 in (2.5-5 cm) long, with smooth or downy, succulent pulp, of sweet to subacid or acid flavor.

## Lychee

*Litchi chinensis*, is a large, long-living subtropical evergreen that bears fruit from May through August in Hawaii. The most notable of the soapberry family, lychee trees bloom in the late winter to early spring. The resulting fruits are actually drupes, which are borne in clusters of from 3-50 fruits. The fruit is round to oval and 1-1.5 inches across and a bumpy textured pink to red in color. Once peeled, the interior of fruit is whitish, semi-transparent, and juicy. Each drupe contains one shiny, dark brown seed.

## Strawberry Tree

Strawberry-Tree will grow at a slow pace when planted in either full sun or partial shade on well-drained, acid soil. Plants are tolerant of wind and some drought once established and grow in well-drained clay. It is one of the most attractive small trees available for residential use but unfortunately is not normally available in the east. It could be grown and tried in the Deep South. Height 15-30ft Spread 15-30ft



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