

# Selected Apple Trees Ideal for Canterbury

Type	Variety Name	Cultural requirements/ notes	Pollination	Harvest and Storage	Description	Info courtesy of	Disease-resistant trial
Apples (eating)							
EARLY SEASON	Discovery	Hardy, dry regions, disease resistant. Spur-bearer and partial tip-bearer. Upright more than rounded.	Early-mid	Early eater. Pick/use early February. Can store for about 3 weeks. Lunch box	Medium, flat-round fluit. Bright scarlet flush over a pale greenish yellow skin speckled with small russet dots. Attractive looking. Creamy white flesh often stained pink under the skin. Crisp and juicy. Very pleasant, sweet, slightly tangy flavour.	Tree Crops Assn	10 years
	Graventein (red)	Vigorous, reliable. Triploid. Hardy.	Early season (end January)	Long ripening. Will keep up to two months.	Juicy, very fruity taste. Sweet, tangy, very refreshing. Green/yellow. Medium/ large. Crisp.	Tree Crops Assn; <i>Fruit Tree Heritage Varieties Recommended for Christchurch</i> , Daisy Meadow Food Forest Nursery; Robbie's Patch	
	Merton Worcester	Gets Bitter Pit in drought, so needs lime. Biennial. Disease resistant. Spur-bearer.	Early-mid	Pick late Feb/ early March. Use till May. Child's lunch box	Dark red flush over green-yellow, faint red stripes. Thin skin. Round-conical, medium-small fruit. Soft, juicy, sweet, refreshing flesh. Taste of strawberries.	Tree Crops Assn; Robbie's Patch	10 years
MID SEASON	Fiesta	Can be prone to blackspot Pendulous.	Late	Pick late March. Use till September.	Medium-sized, oval fruit. Green skin ripening to yellow mostly covered by crimson red flush and streaks. Crisp and juicy white flesh, retains crispness. Keeps well. Good for eating.	Tree Crops Assn; Robbie's Patch	10 years
	Gala	Fairly hardy. Partially self-fertile. Sheltered site, good drainage. Can get blackspot. Need to thin it.		March/April	Large, juicy. Firm. Mellow sweet.	Daisy Meadow Food Forest Nursery	

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	Ida Red	Hardy		April/May	White flesh, firm body. Exceptional keeping qualities.	Robbie's Patch	
	Sunset	Dry regions. Very disease resistant. Spur-bearer. Needs thinning. Small tree.	Mid	Pick March. Child's lunch box.	Strong Cox taste. Small/medium, flat. Yellow-green, orange flush and orange-striped. Soft skinned, and soft flesh.	Tree Crops Assn; Robbie's Patch	10 years
<b>LATE SEASON</b>	Granny Smith	Heavy cropper. Moderate vigour. Best in sheltered site. Susceptible to mildew. Self-fertile		Harvest June	Green. Medium/arge. Crisp, refreshing, tough skin.	Daisy Meadow Food Forest Nursery	
	Sturmer	Doesn't have to be thinned. Resistant to everything.		Harvest May.	Stores well.		
	Tydeman's Late Orange	Heavy cropper. Needs thinning. Hardy. Very disease resistant. Spur-bearer. Tree: T3. Vigorous, Whippy growth, requiring careful pruning.	Late	Late eater. Pick mid May. Store/ use June to mid July.	Small to medium sized, round-conical fruit. Purplish red flush and stripes over greenish yellow skin. Fine russet netting. Creamy yellow, dense, crisp, juicy flesh. Intense aromatic Cox-like flavour, but later season. Initial sharpness. Mellows in storage; the fruit best stored in plastic bags. High in anti-oxidants. Very intense flavour. Good for cider	Tree Crops Assn; Daisy Meadow Food Forest Nursery	10 years

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