

Turning a New Leaf



Capable of standing up to the elements, outdoor plants that are tough, lush and rewarding to grow



Ornamental Grasses

(Various)

In spacious gardens, ornamental grass acts as a mediator between divergent plants, lending the habitat a general coherence. True grasses, sedges, rushes, and cats'-tails are some of the most popular varieties, and, once established, they are very easy to maintain. In most cases, ornamental grasses are durable perennials, keeping gardens fresh and interesting as they transform through the seasons. They are uplifting additions to succulent gardens in particular, as their continual movement offsets an otherwise stable environment. —●

Origin Many species, like true grasses, date back to the Cretaceous period · Height Smaller varieties are 20 cm, and larger types can reach 5 m high · Watering schedule Water often after planting, and later only in periods of drought

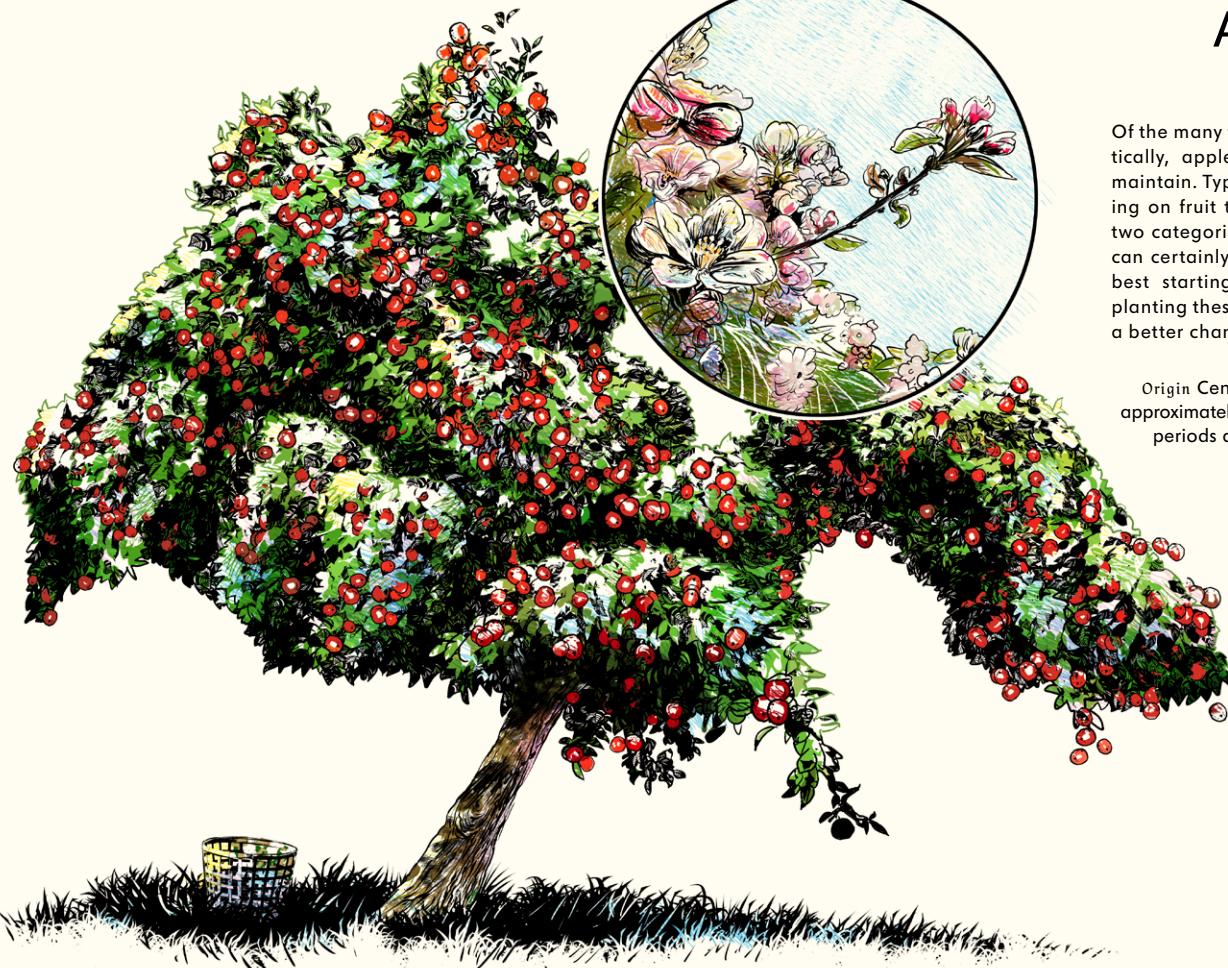


Apple Tree

Malus domestica

Of the many fruit plants that can be grown domestically, apple trees are among the simplest to maintain. Types of trees should be chosen depending on fruit type, which can be roughly split into two categories: cooking or eating. Some varieties can certainly suit both purposes. Saplings are the best starting point for a productive tree, and planting these in a windless, sunny spot gives them a better chance of long-term survival. —●

Origin Central Asia · Height Most types grow to approximately 6 m high · Watering schedule During dry periods and more often throughout fruiting



Fern

Polypodiopsida

With their soft branched stems and curled fronds, ferns recall a mysterious, prehistoric age of flora. Some species date back as far as the Devonian period; others have remained unchanged over millions of years, like the *Osmunda claytoniana*, or interrupted fern. Shaded nooks under evergreen trees are ideal points for growth, as the mulch and tree roots provide the kind of spacing and drainage necessary for delicate fern roots. Swaying in communion with the breeze, they imbue gardens with the atmosphere of a forgotten forest, wild and majestic. —●

Origin Devonian period · Height Small varieties can be under 1 cm, and larger types range between 10-25 m high · Watering schedule Regularly enough so the soil does not dry out. Spray mist onto the stems



Pumpkin

Cucurbita pepo

From soups and pies to Halloween's jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkins have a variety of uses, featuring prominently in festivals and traditional events. Given their size, spacious vegetable gardens are a prerequisite for comfortable growth, but miniature varieties can be planted in smaller patches, too. Frost must be absolutely avoided, but the vined plants need 75 to 100 days to grow, meaning the best time to plant them is directly after winter when the ground is warm. —●

Origin North America · Height 30-90 cm · Watering schedule Frequently when first planted, then once a week