

FRUIT SELECTION FOR COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN BURLEY HOUSE FIELD

Apples

CULTIVAR	TYPE	PICK	USE/STORE	GENERAL COMMENTS
Hunthouse	Dessert (D)	?	?	Significant historical variety from Hunthouse, Goathland
Fillingham Pippin	D	October	Oct – Dec	1835, Swanland, Yorkshire. Crisp, sharp eater with superb blossom.
Ribston Pippin	D	Oct	Oct – Jan	Yorkshire apple parent of Cox, but easier to grow. Highest vitamin C of any apple.
Fiesta	D	Oct	Oct – March	Kent 1986. Cox and Idared cross, reliable cropper.
James Grieve	D	Sept/Oct	Sept – Oct	Edinburgh 1893. Frost resistant, but can develop canker on poor soils.
New Bess Pool	D	Oct	Oct – Dec	1850 Stanton-by-Dale Yorkshire.
Katy	D	Late August	Sept	Sweden 1947. Cross James Grieve/Worcester Pearmain. The typical child's red apple. Limited storage time.
Greensleeves	D	Sept	Sep – Nov	Golden Delicious/James Grieve cross. Frost resistant, crops well.
Pitmaston Pineapple	D	Oct	Oct – Dec	Distinctive small conical fruit with excellent flavour, but not a big cropper. Raised in Herefordshire in 1785
Tydemans Late Orange	D	Oct	Feb - May	Kent 1930. Crisp and hard with Cox flavour. Very frost resistant.
Worcester Pearmain	D	Sept	Sept	Worcester 1873. Best picked and eaten fresh. Huge crops with Charles Ross as pollinator. Tip bearer so watch the pruning!
Charles Ross	D			See above
Nonpareil	D	Oct	Dec – March	Very old, possibly French from Elizabethan era. Connoisseur's apple.
Court Pendu Plat	D	Oct - Nov	Jan – April	One of the world's oldest apples. Heavy cropping old variety with high vitamin C content.
Fortune	D	Sept	Sept – Oct	c1800. Very juicy and sweet, consistent cropper, resistant to frost.
Egremont russet	D	October	Nov – Feb	Richly flavoured golden russet. Hardy and resistant to scab.
Lord Derby	Cooker	October	Nov – Dec	Heavy cropper, frost tolerant. Cooks pink and keeps its shape.
Howgate Wonder	C	Oct	Dec – Jan	Good cropper which keeps its shape in cooking.
Dog's Snout	C/D	Sep	Oct – Nov	Yorkshire apple with unusual pear shape and distinctive flavour. Heavy reliable cropper.
Grandpa Buxton	C	Oct.	Oct – Nov	1990s Copt Hewick, near Ripon. Good early cooker.
Cockpit Improved	C	Nov	Dec – April	N Yorkshire favourite, which is a sport of Yorkshire Cockpit.
Newton Wonder	C/D	Oct	Nov – May	1870 Derby. Excellent late cooker, but because of good storing qualities, it will mellow into an acceptable eater.
Grenadier	C	Sept	Sept – Nov	Magnificent flavour and cooks to a froth. Good cropper. Withstands wet areas.
Hornsea Herring	C	Oct	Nov – Jan	1780 Cooks to an aromatic puree with acid drop flavour.
Yorkshire Greening	C	Oct	Dec – March	Pre 1803. Large nicely flavoured apple that cooks to a pale green puree.

Damsons

CULTIVAR	PICK	GENERAL COMMENTS
Merryweather	Late September	Culinary. Blue/black fruit with juicy but acidic flesh. Most popular but not perhaps best flavour.
Shropshire Prune	September	Blue/black fruit. Delicious flavour when cooked. Similar to Merryweather.
Westmorland	September	Grown in the Lyth Valley, may be a variety of Shropshire Prune.

Plums

CULTIVAR	PICK	GENERAL COMMENTS
Laxton's Cropper	Mid Sept	1928. Prolific, slightly smaller fruits than Victoria, keeps well
Czar	Early Aug	Blue/red fruit, can be good as desert plum when fully ripe. Frost resistant.
Anna Spath	?	1870, Hungary, Britain since 1947. Purple, medium – large fruit; stone does not cling.

Pears

CULTIVAR	PICK	USE	GENERAL COMMENTS
Hessle	Sept.	Oct	Yorkshire pear, hardy and prolific, with small fruit of good flavour. Overlaid russet.
Conference	Late September	Oct – Nov	Reliable cropper in Northern areas even in unfavourable seasons.
Beurre Hardy	Late Aug/Sept	October	Well suited to northern climate. Pick hard and allow to ripen in store.

The cultivars have been chosen for a northern climate and to include both desert and culinary varieties. Some of the most common, such as Bramley apple and Victoria plum will not be in the orchard because they are in many private gardens, and readily available from greengrocers.