

INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ



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TROPICAL AND SUB-TROPICAL FRUITS

Fruit species coming from tropical and sub-tropical regions Enrich conventional assortment of fruits from temperate zone Rich in vitamins, bioflavonoids, and minerals









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ACCA Acca sellowiana syn. Feijoa sellowiana

Native to South American continent Grows wildly in sub-tropical regions of Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina



Distribution: Widely grown in sub-tropical regions today: Southern France, Italy, Portugal, Spain Northern Africa, New Zealand USA: Florida, California Black Sea area of Abkhazia



Evergreen shrub or low-growing tree, 2.5-6 m

Essential oil glands on leaves Fruit: 4-lobed, round, elliptic or eggshaped, greenish to grey-green berry, 20-70 mm, 35-100 g Flesh: Cream-white to greenish, gel-like, refreshing, slightly acidic flavour



Easy wood plant: Tolerant to -10 °C temperatures Tolerant to dry weather, grows in regions with 500-600 mm precipitation Low requirements on soil; prefers calcareous soil



Propagation:

From cuttings: commercial growing, grafting using seedlings From seeds: heterogamous, uneven, less fertile offspring



Nutritional value: Carbohydrates 5-10 % Malic acid: 1.5-3.6 % Vitamin B, C (like tangerines) Iodine compounds: 2-4 mg per 1 kg of fruits Bactericide effect Eating: Fresh (botanically ripe fruits fall on the ground) Salads, marmalades, juices, liquors, wine Thick petals: Sweet, excellent flavour, salads and beverages



ZAPOTA (SAPODILA) Achras sapota syn. Manilkara zapota Native to tropical lowlands of Yucatan, Guatemala, and Belize in Central America Sapotaceae Family



Name derives from Aztec language Common all over tropics, especially with small-scale growers Evergreen, 5-20m tall tree with short trunk and thick, round crown





Fruits mature gradually Available on local markets all year round May be transported





Fruit Round, egg-shaped or elliptic berry Greyish white, yellowish to yellowish brown flesh, very sweet to dull flavour, granule-like consistency resembles overripe pear; usually sticky due to latex



Nutritional value: Carbohydrates 16-20 % Protein 0.4 % Fats 0.5 % Organic acids 0.2 % Vitamin C 200-300 mg/kg

Not a first-grade fruit, very popular though Contains laticifer and supplies latex (by cutting the bark)

Eating: Fresh – peeled fruits Syrups, salads, jam





Requires hot and humid tropical climate Intolerant to temperatures below 0 °C Precipitation: 1,000-2,000 mm, evenly distributed Easy on soil, prefers light, loamy-sandy, permeable, slightly acidic to neutral Propagation: Vegetative: layering, budding and grafting From seeds



KIWI Actinidia chinensis Native to western and central China Mostly grown in New Zealand, USA (California), France, Italy and the Balkans Actinidiaceae Family





Woody vine, up to 8 m tall Dioecious plant, rarely monoecious Fruit: Oval to elliptic berry, 50-90 mm, 80 g Thin peel with dense, rusty fuzz Greenish, juicy, sour-sweet flesh Seeds are not a flaw





Nutritional value: Minerals: P, K, Ca, Fe Vitamin C: 1,200-16,000 mg/kg Vitamin B1, B2 provitamin A Good for children, elderly and convalescents Eating: Fresh – peeled fruits Syrups, salads, jam





Requires warm and sunny locations Protected against noon sun Protected against chill winds Tolerates -15 °C during dormancy (must be covered) Prefers light, permeable, humus soil pH 5-7 Enough water and nutrients



Propagation:

From seeds: Problematic

One-or two-year old seedlings should be preferably grafted or budded

Rooted cuttings from herbaceous soft-wood cuttings or layering 4-6 female seedlings are planted per 1 male seedling Hardy kiwi vines: Arctic Beauty Kiwi, Tara Vine Actinidia kolomicta, Actinidia arguta

These two species are, out of more than 30 species from the Actinidia genus, more resilient to harsh conditions during vegetation and dormancy (especially concerning temperature)

Wild growing: Amur region in Russia, Sakhalin, Kuril Islands and northeast Chine Both species are monoecious as well as dioecious

Arctic Beauty Kiwi Lower growth Thinner stalk Narrower fruits





Actinidia kolomicta



Actinidia kolomicta, Tara Vine Actinidia arguta Vigorous climber in its homeland Stalk diameter: Over 100 mm Climbs up the trees and if there are no trees, it forms thick stands Wider fruits



Counter-clockwise climber Branching at 0.5-1 m above the ground Fruits Green, juicy berries with soft flesh Very sweet, 2.0-3.2 g, 17-24 mm long Arctic Beauty Kiwi: Oval, mildly ribbed, light green Tara Vine: Wide oval, ribbed, dark green, shorter and wider Fruits are harvested 3-7 days prior to eating ripeness, mature fruits fall down immediately



Nutritional value: Water 70 % Minerals: P, K, Ca, Fe Sugars, organic acids Vitamin C 7,000 mg/kg Vitamin B1, B2, provitamin A Good for children, elderly and convalescents

Eating Fresh Syrups, salads, jams, wine (similar to champagne)

A. význačná, kolomikta

Optimum location: Half-shade Wind-protected area

Soil: Light, semi-permeable, neutral 1 male pollinator per 5-6 female plants Propagation: Woody and soft-wood cuttings From seeds Simple layering

A. význačná, kolomikta

ALMOND TREE Amygdalus communis Native to west Asia Grown mostly in Southern Europe: France, Italy, Spain, Portugal Wild trees grow up to 3-6 m Forms a wide crown with fruiting wood Rose Family Rosaceae





Fruit Stone Various sizes, variety-dependent Core is enclosed in a stone Core flavour: •var. dulcis – sweet core •var. amara – bitter core

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- Nutritional value:
- Sugar
- Protein
- Up to 50 % oil
- Vitamin B
- Eating
- Fresh: Pour boiling water over the core, and peel off the brown
- Roasted almond
- Oil

Optimum locations: Warm slopes, light soil with good soil heat retention properties

Tolerates less fertile topsoil

Tolerates higher amounts of calcium in soil – rootstock for peach and apricot trees

Propagation:

Grafting and budding

PINEAPPLE

Ananas comosus Native to Central and South America Grows wild on sandy coasts of Mexico, Costa Rica and Brazil Spread into other tropical regions: south Asia, Africa, Australia Nowadays: Mostly grown in Hawaii, Brazil, China, Malaysia

Bromeliaceae Family





Herbaceous perennial, up to 1.5 m high Forms ground rosette of sword-shaped, thickened leaves



Grows in the monsoon or coastal tropical regions around the Equator (high requirements on temperature and air humidity) Prefers light, humus, slightly acidic, nutrient-rich soil Propagation: Leaf rosettes Rosettes are developed on various parts of parent plant Nutritional value of the multiple fruit: Water 85 % Fibre 0.5 % Sugar 11.6 % Protein 0.4 % Fats 0.1 % Minerals 0.4 % C 290 mg/kg Vitamin A, B₁



Eating

Fresh

Crystallization, drying, freezing, preservation in sugar solution, jams, jelly-type candy, marmalades, syrups Juice is fermented for production of alcoholic beverages: wine, spirits

Leaves

Contain 8 % of fibre, pineapple silk, fine fibre for production of textile fabrics



CARAMBOLA Averrhoa carambola Typical plant of Equator regions Widespread in Southeast Asia and other tropical regions Thick branching, irregular crown Grows up to 9 m high Oxalidaceae Family





Fruit Longitudinally 4- to 5-angled berries, elliptic shape with thin, firm, shiny, light yellow to orange-yellow peel Brittle, crispy and juicy flesh Each lobe contains 2 oval, flat, light brown seeds





Nutritional value: Vitamin C 350 mg/kg Eating Fresh Fruits salads, jams, juices, wines, crystallization Unripe fruits: In vinegar, lactic fermentation Decorative use



Carambola

Optimum growing temperature: 25-30 °C

Very sensitive to cold, only in regions with max. altitude of 300 m

Low requirements on soil: Permeable, slightly acidic

Trees blossoms several times a year (various stages of blossoms and fruits on one tree)

Overripe fruits fall down and go bad easily, timely harvested fruits tolerate transport

Many types and varieties: Different flavours (sweet, sour) and fruit sizes Propagation:

High-yielding varieties: Grafting and budding using carambola seedlings From seeds: Lower fruit quality



PAPAYA

Carica papaya Native to south Mexico and Guatemala Grown in tropics all over the world Biggest producers: India, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Philippines Herbaceous perennial Growth: 3-10 m Resembles a palm tree The whole plant contains laticifer, leaks latex when cut: Cutting of unripe fruits, capture of latex into containers, drying at 50 °C

Caricaceae Family





Fruit

Hollow berry, various sizes and shapes, 0.5-2 kg (even 10 kg) Resembles pumpkin and watermelon Peel is firm, yellowish green, yellow to orange red Flesh is yellow to dark red 60-80 % of the fruit is made up by flesh



Papaya

Nutritional value: Carbohydrates 7-11 % Protein 1 % Organic acids 0.5 % Vitamin C 460-1,000 mg/kg provitamin A



Eating Fresh, dessert With salt and pepper With sugar and alcohol With lemon juice Fruit salads, lemonades, ice-cream, jams, crystallization High requirements on heat (optimum temperature for growing: 25-30°C) and soil moisture Grows on all types of soil if they are sufficiently wet and permeable

Propagation: Only seeds from controlled pollination



CITRUS Citrus

Large genus with over 160 species Native to Asia, only grapefruit Native to Central America Mediterranean: the so called secondary genetic centre of citrus expansion, optimum conditions for growth and

development

Shrubs and small trees

Containers in bark tissues, leaves and fruits contain essential oil

Rutaceae Family



- Fruit
- Berries of various sizes and shapes, the so called hesperidium:
- Flavedo: Yellowish to red orange pericarp
- Albedo: parenchymatous tissue beneath flavedo

Nutritional value: •provit. A 0.7-1.2 mg/kg •B1 0.4-0.9 mg/kg •B2 0.1-0.3 mg/kg •B12 1-2 mg/kg •C 450 – 550 mg/kg

Eating Fresh, very refreshing Fruits salads, lemonades, ice-cream, jams, jelly-type candy, dried, frozen, etc. Essential oil: Perfumes and food industry Healing and melliferous Ornamental Heat-requiring tropical to subtropical plants

Light-requiring, demand lot of soil moisture and high air humidity Low requirements on soil (tolerate high water table and slightly salinized soil)

Propagation:

Cultivars are grafted on rootstock (a rooted plant, close relative of the propagated variety, which is able to accept the grafted part) Lot of rootstock for citrus fruits: Various impact on growth, life, productiveness onset, amount and quality of fruits (size, colour of pericarp, juice composition, shelf-life, adaptability to soil and climate, resistance to pests and diseases, etc.) KAKI

Diospyros kaki

Native to western and central China, grows in altitudes of up to 1,200 m

Today: All sub-tropical and tropical regions, mostly in China and Japan

3-15 m high shrub/tree

Original locations: Wet, hot summers and mild, dry winters with max.

-4 °C (todays varieties sustain up to -18 °C)

Ebenaceae Family



Low requirements on soil, high yields on loamy, deep and sufficiently moist soils Average precipitation: 1,500-2,000 mm

Propagation: Benefits from grafting, using its own seedlings or other variety's seedlings From seeds (productiveness starts the 6th year after sowing) Fruit Rounded and/or flat/elongated Weight: 0.1-0.5 kg Yellowish orange to red or brownish red pericarp with thin, smooth, prunoise skin and persistent calyx Yellow to light brown flesh



Nutritional value: Protein 0.75 % Fats 0.55 % Sugars (glucose, fructose) 17.3 % Organic acids 0.24 % Fibre 1.5 % Minerals 0.50 % vit. C 200 – 900 mg/kg (decreases with maturation) provitamin A

Eating

Unripe fruits are bitter (tannin: 1-1.5 %) Eating at full ripeness, flesh must be greasy Table fruits, marmalades, jams, syrups, spirits, ice-cream Dried fruits contain 62 % sugar, and have better flavour than figs and dates



DURIAN Durio zibethinus Grows in Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Indochina, Philippines, Sri Lanka; expanded to eastern Africa and South America (Brazil)

Today: All sub-tropical and tropical regions, mostly in China and Japan

Bombacaceae Family

More than 20 m high tree, irregular, lowly branched crown

Fruit: ellipsoid, almost rounded, 2.5 kg, hard

pericarp has dense conical spikes

Thick fruit walls are divided into 5 segments, each contains 1-4 oval, light brown seeds in fleshy, light yellow aril



Nutritional value: Starch 11 % Sugar 5 %





Eating Locals eat raw aril Marmalades, candy, fermented beverages, Lempog: mixture of sugar and rice with durian, Sauces, salads Mixed with sugar and various tropical fruits (bananas) Unripe fruits are cooked as vegetable: soups, side dish Seeds are roasted and baked, oil Most of southeast and south Asians as well as Europeans like durian and its specific smell, a mixture of garlic and rotten eggs. Durian is called the "God dish" and the "king of tropical fruits" Mr Wallace, a scientist, said: "It is worth travelling to south-east Asia only to taste

durian".

Durian is a fruit that is either loved or despised

LOQUAT Eriobotrya japonica

Grows wildly in India in the Himalayas region, and in China Grown in Japan and China, 2nd most grown fruit after citrus fruits; further cultivation: Australia, USA, the Mediterranean (Spain, Italy) Tree has a dense, round crown with vigorous branches; young branches and leaves are tomentose Fruit: Rounded, ellipsoid or pear-shaped false drupe, 20-75 g; pericarp: thin, slightly downy, light yellow to orange, juicy, soursweet to sweet flavour; contains 2-5 large, shiny, dark brown seeds

Rosaceae Family



Nutritional value of the flesh: Protein 0.7 % Fats 0.3 % Carbohydrates 10.2 % Fibre 0.9 % Minerals 0.5 % Fruits Fresh: One of the most delicious dessert fruits Jelly, salads Pressed juice: Refreshing beverage, fermented wine Seeds substitute coffee



Tolerates temperatures down to -12°C Blossoms and fruits fall down at -5 °C Flourishes in ocean subtropical climate with enough moisture and mild winter; low requirements on soil (light, enough moisture)

Low requirements on cultivation, fruits are susceptible to low temperatures and bacterial diseases

Subtropical regions: Loquat blossoms in autumn, fruits mature in March through May

Harvest: Whole panicles are picked, wide assortment of varieties

Propagation:

Grafting, cutting, layering

From seeds: Uneven quality of all features

LONGAN Euphoria longana Native to south China Grown all round south-east Asia, India, mostly in Sri Lanka Evergreen tree, 10-20 m tall, erect, low-branched

trunk, rounded crown

Fruit: Rounded, 2 cm long stone, thin; pericarp: thin, yellowish to red brown, leather-like, almost smooth

Inside: Large, dark seed, shows from whitish, jelly-like aril (Chinese name: "dragon eye") Aril: Juicy, sour-sweet, sometimes bitter, pleasant taste

Sapindaceae Family





Fruits Sweet, juicy aril is eaten fresh as well as dried Lower quality than lychee, very popular in Chine and south-east Asia though



Adapted to humid tropical regions, certain species are grown in semi-tropical climate - Vietnam

Requires enough heat throughout the year, without major fluctuations

Optimum temperature: 22-24 °C, -2 °C may kill the whole plant

High requirements on water: 1,800-2,400 mm

Low requirements on soil (slightly acidic)

Harvest: Whole branched with fruits are cut and bunched together



Propagation: Vegetative: Aerial layering, budding, grafting using same species rootstock

From seeds: ?, late onset of productiveness, quality varies



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Ficus carica

Native to western parts of the Anatolian region

Expanded throughout the Mediterranean, Black Sea coast around Caucasia, central Asia and China

Today: In all sub-tropical regions, largest producers: Mediterranean region

(Portugal, Turkey, Greece, and Italy)

Dioecious, deciduous shrub/tree, up to 15 m tall

The whole plant contains laticifer, leaks white, sticky latex when cut Moraceae Family



One of the less demanding sub-tropical wood plants, tolerates Mediterranean climate

May sustain -5 to -15 °C freeze in dormancy; if damaged, the tree regenerates well from underground parts

Tolerates direct sunlight as well as high temperatures, if water supplies are sufficient Low requirements on soil, intolerant to shallow and dry soil

