

MANGO FESTIVAL

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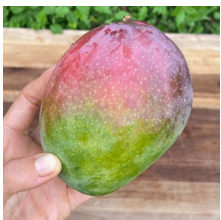
For more than 30 years, Fairchild's Tropical Fruit Program has been growing and introducing mango varieties to South Florida and celebrating that diversity at our annual Mango Festival. This year's Fairchild Choice Mango Trees feature a variety of cultivars hailing mostly from Florida. Many tree varieties are direct descendants from some of the world's most loved mangos, many cultivated by Fairchild. These drought tolerant and generally disease resistant trees were grown for their characteristics that make them ideal fruit producers for our local growing conditions as well as for their delicious flavors and smoothness of fruit. They were also selected for their different fruiting schedules, allowing you to have fruiting mangos year-round right in your backyard.

We're excited that you're taking a Fairchild Choice Mango Tree home with you today! You're on your way to enjoying delicious mango right from your yard and reaping the benefits of planting a beautiful mango tree. We encourage you to follow the recommendations for planting, pruning and growing healthy mango trees from our partners at the University of Florida IFAS.

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Here, you'll find everything you need to ensure that your new tree thrives and produces fruit.

Florida Varieties



Fruit Punch

'Fruit Punch' is a small to medium mango that can weigh between 1 – 1.5 lbs. It is oval in shape, medium sized and develops a nice red blush color on the skin. The flesh of the fruit is a yellowish-orange color, completely fiberless and juicy with a nice firm texture. This delicious mango has a unique taste profile consisting of a blend of many different fruit flavors. 'Fruit Punch' is a very sweet and classic-flavored mango. It has just the perfect level of acidity for it to have a nice and complex flavor. The result is a well-balanced taste comprised of many different fruits' flavors (lemon, pineapple, green grapes) creating a level of sweetness similar to what you'd expect from eating a fruit cup or drinking Hawaiian Punch. 'Fruit Punch' is a mid-late season mango (July – Aug).



Glenn

'Glenn' was a seedling selected in Miami, Florida, by Roscoe Glenn in 1944. The trees are medium size growers with dense canopies, and are regular producers with very good anthracnose resistance, fruiting well even in marginal interior locations. The flesh is yellow, soft and fiberless. The fruit have a mild classic peachy flavor that is delightful. The seed is monoembryonic. The fruit are small-to-medium sized and develop a nice red or orange blush at maturity. Glenn occupies an important niche in the Florida nursery trade due to its resiliency as a backyard tree for people who enjoy milder, classically flavored mangos. 'Glenn' is an early season mango (May-June).



Karen Michelle *A Gary Zill Hybrid**

'Karen Michelle' was an 'Edward' seedling. It was named after the wife of Craig Campbell. The original tree has reportedly been a very light producer. The fruit are large, ovoid and turn yellow when ripe. The flesh is medium-firm, fiberless and has a very high quality, rich-sweet balanced classic flavor very similar to 'Edward', with perhaps a touch more sweetness than its parent normally. The tree has a moderately vigorous growth habit with a dense canopy. 'Karen Michelle' is an early-to-mid season mango (May-July).



Kathy/K-3

At its peak ripeness, 'Kathy'/'K3' has a very nice aroma containing notes of peach, apricot and orange. The fruit's yellow flesh is fiberless, juicy and has an almost melting texture. 'Kathy' has an Indochinese flavor with a very nice balance of sweetness and tartness with hints of vanilla, apricot, and peach. 'Kathy'/'K3' is a mid-season mango (June – July).



Kent

'Kent' is a superior mango originating from Coconut Grove in the 1930's. It is still commercially grown but more often it's the beloved backyard tree. 'Kent' is the parent of several wonderful mangos including the 'Gold Nugget' and 'Young/Tebow'. The flesh is juicy, crisp, and fiber free. The flavor is sweet and rich. This medium-large fruit matures very late in the season turning yellow green with a red blush. 'Kent' is a late season mango (late July-September).



Lemon Zest *A Gary Zill Hybrid**

'Lemon Zest' is a seedling of 'Lemon Meringue'. The fruit is a solid yellow color but is much larger and more oval-oblong than 'Lemon Meringue' with a small nak (stigmatic point) at the bottom. The flesh is yellow and fiber-free. It is unbelievably richly sweet with candied orange and tangelo citrus flavors dominating. The seed is large and polyembryonic. The trees start out slow but become a very vigorous

grower with a vertical, dense canopy. 'Lemon Zest' is a mid-season mango (late June-July).



Orange Sherbert *A Gary Zill Hybrid**

'Orange Sherbert' is one of the most sought-after mango varieties. The tree creates a lovely canopy that can be maintained for easy mango harvesting since it is a good producer. For mango lovers, 'Orange Sherbet' is a beautiful yellow, oblong mango with fiber-free, orange-hued flesh. Its flavor is incredibly sweet and rich, resembling the delicious citrusy, orange sherbet ice cream. 'Orange Sherbet' is a mid-season mango (June – July).



Piña Colada *A Gary Zill Hybrid**

'Piña Colada' is a favorite cultivar. The flavor is pronounced and very sweet with notes of coconut and pineapple, similar to what you would expect from an actual Piña Colada. The fruit's yellow flesh is completely fiberless and has a creamy texture. To truly unlock the Piña Colada flavor, you have to let the mango get extra ripe. At that point, it becomes an absolute flavor bomb of coconut and pineapple.

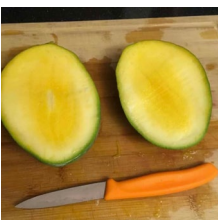
'Piña Colada' is a mid-season mango (June – July).



Pineapple Pleasure *A Gary Zill Hybrid**

'Pineapple Pleasure' is an amazing flavored mango. Its maternal parent was Springfels and paternal parent Gary. The fruit are medium-to-large in size, ovoid with a rather ugly bumpy skin, turning a light yellowish-green color at maturity with a small amount of red blush when grown close to the coast. The flesh is light-yellow, medium-firm, and fiberless. The flavor is nothing short of awesome, with tremendous pineapple

notes and acidity coupled with very a high degree of sweetness. The fruit has good shelf life as well. They contain a large monoembryonic seed. The trees are slow-to-medium vigorous growers, with a spreading habit and open canopy. 'Pineapple Pleasure' is a mid-season mango (primarily July)



Sugarloaf

'Sugarloaf', formerly known as E-4, has exploded in popularity over the last few years. 'Sugarloaf' mangos are a medium to large mango. The fruit's aroma is very sweet. The fruit itself is yellow, completely fiberless and has an enjoyable creamy consistency that will easily melt in your mouth. The flavors that you will taste largely depend on the ripeness level. When the Sugarloaf Mango is under-ripe, it will have

more pineapple tones. As the mango ripens, the flavors start to develop more coconut tones. 'Sugarloaf' is a mid-season mango (June – July).



Super Alphonso A Gary Zill Hybrid*

The seedling '36-8' was originally named 'India'. It is believed that 'Jakarta' may have been its pollen parent. The mango has undergone several name changes and is currently known as 'Super Alphonso'. The fruit has a round shape similar to its maternal parent and has a flavor that reminds one of 'Zill-80', but with a hint of Indian spice, making it superior. However, it does not taste like Alphonso. 'Super Alphonso' has been a reliable and productive cultivar. The fruit does not ripen well on the tree, but when harvested mature green and allowed to ripen over the course of 7-10 days or so, the eating quality is excellent.



Valencia Pride

A member of the classic Florida mango group, 'Valencia Pride' originated as a 'Haden' seedling planted in Miami, Florida, in 1937, fruiting in 1941. It was quickly recognized for its attractive appearance, good flavor and production traits and propagation began in the 1940s resulting in it becoming a common backyard mango over a period of decades. The fruit are large and wide, oblong-sigmoid shaped, with a yellow background color and pinkish blush covering much of the fruit well before maturity. The flesh is firm, light yellow, with only scanty fiber, containing a monoembryonic seed. The flavor is of the classic sort, medium sweet. The trees are fast, vigorous growers with vertical growth habit and open canopy. They must be trained well and not overfed to keep their size in check. 'Valencia Pride' is a mid-season mango (late June-August).



Venus

'Venus' is a medium to large mango that can weigh between 1 – 2 pounds. It is unusually round and often having multiple colors on display when properly ripened; greenish-yellow with a soft red blush on the upper 1/2 to 1/4 of the fruit. A properly ripened 'Venus' mango has a slightly citrus and resinous aroma. Cutting into the fruit will reveal a deep yellow flesh with a smooth, fiberless and melting texture. 'Venus' is a very sweet mango with hints of citrus flavors as well as some slight coconut undertones. There is also a slight tartness that nicely compliments the fruit's overall sweet profile and a flavor complexity as a result of the light resinous tones that are also present. 'Venus' is a late season mango and is usually ripe and ready to pick between July – August.

Indian Varieties



Alphonso

Known as the king of mangos among many in South India from where it hails, 'Alphonso' is perhaps the most famous of the Indian mangos worldwide. The flesh is yellow, medium firm, with minimal fiber, containing a monoembryonic seed. It has a flavor rich in spice elements with a subacid component. 'Alphonso' trees are highly vigorous growers and produce a very dense spreading canopy. 'Alphonso' is a mid-season mango (late June-July).

Jamaican Varieties



East Indian

'East Indian' is from Jamaica where it is extremely popular and one of the most sought-after mango varieties. It is an oblong, green colored mango of medium size, around a pound in weight on average. With sun exposure, the fruit develop some ornate pinkish and orange blush at the top. The flesh is highly fibrous, and it is best utilized as a juice mango for this reason. The flavor is remarkably richly sweet and very resinous with many spice notes and terpenes. It is regarded as one of the most complex-tasting mangos. The seed is polyembryonic. The trees are low-to-moderate in vigor, with spreading growth habits and open canopy. They are very manageable with pruning. ('East Indian' is an early-season mango May- June).

Central America Varieties



Fairchild

'Fairchild' was selected in the Panama Canal Zone in the early 1900s, and was a favorite of David Fairchild and his family, after whom it was named. It was probably a hybrid between a Saigon-type mango and an Indian variety, as it possesses Indochinese characteristics but is monoembryonic. 'Fairchild' fruit are small, oblong-ovoid in shape and begin to turn yellow at maturity. They have a fiberless flesh with a somewhat large seed and a citrusy flavor when ripe. They should be allowed to turn a bronze-color when they achieve their full flavor and sweetness, best described as an Indochinese hybrid class flavor. The trees have a low growth habit that makes them very manageable and an excellent variety for backyard growers. Their disease resistance is excellent as well. 'Fairchild' is an early-to-mid season mango (June-July).

*About Gary Zill

Gary Zill is considered one of the world's most prolific mango producers. He's developed some of the most sought-after and delicious mango varieties right here in Boynton, Florida. Fairchild partners with Gary Zill each year during the Mango Festival to introduce and encourage the planting of these new varieties.