

## Williamson County

### Fruit and Nut Tree Recommendations



Pomegranates, persimmons, figs, jujubes, pears and grapes do really well in Williamson County on our predominately alkaline, heavy clay soils.

#### Pomegranates

Wonderful	Sweet	Ambrosia	Cloud
Eversweet	Fleishman	Purple	

#### Persimmon

Eureka	Fuyu	Great Wall	Tani Nashi
Hachiya	Matsumoto	Tam-O-Span	Saijo

#### Figs

Celeste	Brown Turkey	Texas Everbearing
Excel	LSU Purple	

#### Jujubes

Li	Lang	Sui Men	G17-62	So
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#### Pears

Orient	Warren	Garber (Monterrey)
Kieffer	Magness	
Moonglow	Ayres	



\**P. betulifolia* rootstock will perform better than *P. calleryana* rootstock on alkaline soils

#### Grapes

Champanel	Red	Jelly
Le Noir(Black Spanish)	Red	Juice & Wine
Blanc duBois	White	Wine
Cynthiana	Red	Wine



Blackberries can be grown in Williamson County but may suffer from iron chlorosis caused by high pH soils. Use lots of compost!

#### Blackberries

##### *Thorny varieties:*

Brazos  
Rosborough  
Kiowa

##### *Thornless varieties:*

Apache



Peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines and apples all prefer soils that are acidic without much calcium which is rare in Williamson County. In these high pH soils they develop problems with the disease cotton root rot and have severe problems with iron chlorosis. They are generally not recommended here except in far southeast Williamson County.

### Peaches

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Ripens</u>
June Gold (cling)	May 24
June Prince (semi)	May 30
Southern Pearl (650 hr, white flesh, free)	June 3
Sentinel(cling)	June 7
Harvester (free)	June 14
La Feliciana (free)	July 1
Red Skin (free)	July 7
Dixiland(free)	July 14



#### New Varieties

- Regal – ripens 5/10-5/20; 700 chill hours; yellow, cling
- Bounty – ripens 7/1-7/15; 850 chill hours, free
- Majestic – ripens 7/15-7/20; 850 chill hours, free
- \* **In alkaline soils use Lovell or Halford rootstock**

### Plums

Methley (self fruitful)	Ozark Premier
Santa Rosa (self-fruitful)	Morris
Bruce (questionable fruit quality)	
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### Apples

Molly's Delicious – pollinates Gala  
 Granny Smith  
 Gala - Royal Gala or Imperial Gala  
 Fuji – excellent taste, poor color  
 Matsu (Crispin) – yellow apple  
 \***Use M1-11 or M7 rootstock, apples do not tolerate high pH soils**



### Pecans

Caddo <sup>1</sup>	Oconee <sup>1</sup>	Desirable <sup>1</sup>	Nacono <sup>2</sup>
Sioux <sup>2</sup>	Waco <sup>1</sup>	Hopi <sup>2</sup>	
Kanza <sup>2</sup>	Pawnee <sup>1</sup>	Lakota <sup>2</sup>	



### Strawberries

Chandler Sweet Charlie  
 (Plant in the fall for a spring harvest)

### Olives

There is a lot of interest in olives but they will easily freeze in this area. Arbequina variety does have some cold tolerance.