



The Backyard Orchard – Citrus Module 1.6 – Pomelo & Grapefruit



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Course

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Pomelo, Pummelo, Pommelo, Pomello, Pumelo

- All terms for the same thing – *Citrus maxima*
- Large trees up to 50' tall
- The largest citrus fruit; 6-10" dia. & 2-4 lbs.
- Native to Southeast Asia
- Progenitor of the grapefruit; has a mild grapefruit flavor
- Very thick rind
- Usually has a few large seeds



Chandler Red

- Large fruit with pink flesh up to 9 lbs.
- Color comes from lycopene
- Harvest December – January
- Can be seedless or seeded, depends on cross-pollination
- Large tree (50') with very large fruit (6-10" dia.)



White Pummelo Grapefruit



- Larger than average grapefruit
- Harvest December – January
- Fruit is juicy and seedless
- Medium sized tree

Grapefruit



- Grapefruit (*Citrus x paradisi*) resulted as a cross between sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*) and pomelo (*Citrus maxima*)
- Known for its large sour to semisweet, somewhat bitter fruit
- Yellow-orange skinned fruit 4-6" in diameter
- Fruit is white, pink or red depending on variety
- The red pigmentation is due to lycopene
- Trees usually 15-20' tall but can get taller



Ruby Red

- Most widely planted grapefruit in LA
- Ripens in December and holds well on the tree through May
- Medium to large fruit with only a few seeds
- Mature trees are 10-13' tall



Rio Red

- Fruit are a little larger than Ruby Red
- Ripens earlier, in early November and holds on tree through May
- Fruit is sweeter than Ruby Red and seedless.
- Mature tree is about 10' tall and 8' wide





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