



Fruitful Porty Tree Catalogue

Over 95% of the fruit we buy and eat now is imported from afar, but for most of our history Scotland has been self-sufficient in orchard fruit. By growing more of our own fresh fruit in our gardens and public spaces we can have more fruit to eat and at the same time save money, cut our carbon footprint and keeping unusual varieties of fruit tree thriving. Many are also beautiful blossom trees, pleasing to the eye!

Local community organisation *PEDAL – Portobello Transition Town* wants to work with local people to significantly increase the number of fruit trees growing and fruiting in Portobello. We're calling the project **Fruitful Porty**.

Ordering, Collecting and Planting your Fruit Trees

You are invited to browse this abridged catalogue and order trees by completing and returning the order form on the back page. Alternatively you can place your order by contacting Peter Upton by e-mail at peter@pedal-porty.org.uk or by phone on 0131 258 4483). **Orders should be placed as soon as possible** to avoid disappointment, as there are limited numbers of trees of each variety. **The deadline for ordering through PEDAL Monday 25th of October.**

Where available we have included information in brackets giving the breeder's name, geographical origin and date when first described.

We have given approximate numbers of trees available at the time of publication and on which rootstocks. Trees will be available strictly on a first-come-first-served basis.

Most trees will come as bare root trees varying in length between about 60cm and 250cm (plum trees tend to be on the longer side) in November. As long as their roots are kept in moist compost, protected from wind and frost, they can be planted at any time before the spring (generally by mid-April). We have indicated the numbers of each variety still available at the time of going to print, in mid September.

Once you have ordered your trees(s), we will be in touch to let you know when and where to collect them. You will receive a leaflet giving advice on planting and caring for your tree(s). We will also be making tree tags and window stickers available so you can let folk know you're part of Fruitful Porty!

Prices

As we are bulk buying the trees we can sell them on at cost price. Apple and pear trees are £7.50 each; plums and cherries are £8.00 each.

Do consider buying an extra tree or two as gifts – fruit trees make excellent birthday, Christmas and housewarming presents!

Pollination

Most fruit trees produce more fruit when cross-pollinated with a tree of a different variety, although some are self-fertile and so don't need to be cross-pollinated. Even if you only buy one fruit tree, there are likely to be trees in the neighbourhood that will be able to pollinate it. However, it might be a good idea to find out what other fruit trees there are in your area to check for compatibility. Pollination Groups or self-fertility are indicated in the description of each variety.

If you wish to buy, say, two apple or pear trees, then it makes sense to buy ones that will pollinate each other. There are different groups of pollinators depending on *when* the variety in question flowers. Varieties that belong to Pollination Group 1 begin flowering earlier than those in Group 2, with subsequent groups each flowering later.

Pollination Group	Can be pollinated by trees from groups:
1	1 & 2
2	1,2 & 3
3	2,3 & 4
4	3 & 4

All the plum and cherry trees we have selected are self-fertile.

Rootstocks

Rootstocks determine the eventual size to which a tree will grow. A variety of apple, pear or other type of fruit tree, is grafted onto the rootstock. We have chosen rootstocks which will be most appropriate for small gardens, although some are only available on semi-vigorous rootstocks, e.g. the variety Katy.

APPLE TREES

Apple rootstocks are available as follows:

M27 (Very dwarfing): 4-6ft

M9 (Dwarfing): 6-8ft

M26 (Semi-dwarfing): 8-10ft

MM106 (Semi-vigorous): 14-18ft

Dessert Apples

Discovery

Bright red flushed apple, crisp and juicy, when left to ripen on tree. Tip and spur bearer. Recommended by most organic authorities. "*The best early variety by far*". (Geoff Hamilton, Essex 1949). Pollination group 2. Available nos. 100 x M26.

Egremont Russet

The flesh is cream, tinged yellow, sweet and firm with a rich nutty flavour. The usual russet to be found in shops. (Sussex 19th Century). Pollination Group 2. Available nos. 90 x M26

Ellison's orange

Classic eater raised by Rev. CC Ellison, Lincolnshire, 1904. Does well in many parts of Scotland. Red flush over greenish-yellow. Rich and aromatic with hint of aniseed. (Lincoln 1904). Pollination Group 4 but self fertile. Available nos. 70 x M27 and 100+ x M9 in pots.

Fiesta

Rich, aromatic, sweet and crisp. Excellent garden tree. Heavy crops. Ideal for northern areas. (Kent 1972). Pollination group 2. Available nos. 40 x M26 and 25 x M27

Herefordshire Russet

The russet with a Cox flavour. Exceptional eating quality with a rich aromatic flavour. A winner in 'taste testings' around the country. The fruit set is heavy with small to medium sized fruit. (Hugh Ermen, Kent 2002). Pollination Group 3. Available nos. 90 x M26

James Grieve

Well known Scottish apple originating near Edinburgh. The fruit is yellow, speckled and striped with orange. A good pollinator. Prone to canker, but can be good in the East. (Edinburgh 1893). Pollination group 3 but self fertile. Available nos. 35 x M26 and 100 x MM106

Katy

Heavy crops of bright red early fruit, with sweet, juicy, acid, firm flesh. Makes excellent fresh juice and even a palatable cider. Good pollinator. (Sweden 1947). Pollination Group 3. Available nos. 100 x MM106

Red Devil

Excellent garden variety with deep scarlet skin and red stained flesh when fully ripe. Superb fruity strawberry flavour. Makes an excellent pink juice. Disease resistant. Ideal for all areas.

Pollination Group 3 but self fertile.

Available nos. 80 x M26

Red Falstaff

Fruity, well balanced flavour, crisp and juicy. Frost resistant. One of the heaviest yielding varieties. Can be stored easily and eaten throughout the winter. (Norfolk 1983). Pollination Group 3 but self fertile.

Available nos. 100 x M9 in pots

Red Windsor

Superb Cox type flavour and very heavy crops. Frost hardy and very compact growth. An ideal garden variety, easy to grow with good disease resistance and some frost resistance at blossom time.

(Hereford 1985). Pollination Group 2 but self-fertile

Available nos 100 x M9 or M26

Cooking Apples

Bramley 20

A compact version of Bramley's Seedling – 20% less vigorous with heavier crops. Highly recommended for the garden as the perfect mini Bramley.

(Bristol 1970). Pollination Group 3

Available nos. 100 X M26

Grenadier

Standard early cooker. Conical greenish-yellow fruit which cooks to a sharp puree. Scab and canker resistant. Does well in many parts of Scotland.

(Bucks 19th C). Pollination group 2.

Available nos. 50 x MM106.

Lord Derby

Quality cooker. Firm, attractive green fruit with a ribbed, angular shape. Cooks to a sharp taste. Does well in cold and wet conditions. Self fertile.

(Cheshire 19th C). Pollination group 3.

Available nos. 25 x MM106

Dual Purpose Apples

Blenheim Orange

Yellow-gold with orange flush and red stripes. Nutty taste, crumbly texture. An old favourite - cooks, eats, keeps.

(Oxford 1740). Needs two pollinators. Pollination group 2.

Available nos. 30 x M26 and 25 x M9 in 3 litre pots.

Cobra

The perfect dual purpose apple with a fine dessert flavour developing by mid winter. It is a fine cooking apple from mid September onwards having a refreshing acidic, tangy quality for a multitude of culinary uses from firm baked apples to pie fillings.

In all cases requiring little added sugar.

(Bred by Hugh Ermen, Kent 2007). Pollination Group 3.

Available nos. 100 x M9 in 3 litre pots

PEAR TREES

Please note that pears need a warm, sunny, sheltered site, preferably on a south-facing wall.

Available rootstocks:

Quince A: 16 ft

Quince C: 10-12 ft

Beth

Excellent garden variety. Pale green, turning to pale yellow with smooth skin. Small, sweet, juicy flesh. Good cropper.

(Kent 1938). Pollination group 3.

Available nos. x 80 on Quince A

Doyenne du Comice

Superb quality pear. Pale green turning to yellow. Occasional red flush. Flesh has rich juicy flavour. Needs good pollination.

(France 19th C). Pollination group 4.

Available nos. x 100 on Quince C

PLUM TREES

Available rootstock

Pixy: 8-10 ft

Victoria

Oval bright red fruit. Freestone. Cooking/eating variety. Prolific and regular cropper. Self-fertile.

Available nos. 100+

Czar

Eating/cooking plum. A medium, dark purple plum with a sweet yellow flesh. Can produce very heavy crops and always reliable.

Self-fertile.

Available nos. x 100

CHERRY TREES

Available rootstock

Gisela 5: 6-8 ft.

Morello

Cooking cherry with large, dark red fruits. Acid flavour. Very hardy and very reliable cropping. Ideal for north walls.

Self-fertile.

Available nos. x 90

Summer Sun

Very hardy and crops even in unfavourable areas. Fruits are red to dark red, firm and crunchy with exquisite flavour.

Self-fertile.

Available nos. x 100

Fruitful Party Order Form

To order your trees, please complete and return this form along with a cheque to the address below. Apple or pear trees are £7.50 each; plums or cherries are £8.00.

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	
E-mail address	
Phone number (daytime)	

Species	Variety	Alternative variety if 1st choice unavailable	Number of trees	Cost
Total				

Please complete and send this order form, then make your cheque payable to 'PEDAL' and send it to: Peter Upton, PEDAL – Portobello Transition Town, Unit1, 38 Baileyfield Road, Edinburgh, EH15 1NA.

I am content for PEDAL – Portobello Transition Town to store my contact details in electronic form for the purposes of this promotional offer (please tick). (Your details will not be passed onto anyone else).

Please tick if you **do not** want to receive occasional further information from PEDAL – Portobello Transition Town in relation to our projects and offers.