

Satsuma Mandarin

Citrus unshiu Marcovitch

Satsumas are grown in cool subtropical regions around the world. Budded trees are small to medium-small, low-growing, usually spreading and drooping. With a prostrate growth habit low lying limbs must be pruned to prevent fruit from lying on the ground. Satsumas are consistently high quality only in regions with cool winters and hot summers. Trees are self-fruitful, which means that only one tree is needed for fruit production. Selection of slight mutations and seedlings from controlled pollinations over many years has resulted in a collection of over 100 cultivars that differ in date of maturity, fruit shape, color and quality. 'Owari' is the primary satsuma cultivar grown in Florida, but 'Brown Select', 'Early St. Ann', 'Silverhill' and 'Kimbrough' are also available.

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INFORMATION**

Type: citrus tree

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 10

Uses: specimen; container; orchard

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 10 to 12 feet **Spread:** 10 to 12 feet

Plant spacing: 15 to 20 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid; sand; loam

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: low

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: pests and diseases are not normally of major concern



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