

# What Fruit Tree will you Grow?

Trees for USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 5b

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|-------------|---------------|
| Peach       | Plum*         |
| Nectarine   | Cherry Sweet* |
| Apricot     | Cherry Sour   |
| Apple*      | Quince        |
| Pear*       | Paw Paw*      |
| Asian Pear* | Persimmon**   |

\*Requires another tree for pollination

\*\*Requires a male & female tree



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# Benefits Of Planting Fruit Trees

- Food for people
- Food for wildlife
- Habitat for wildlife
- Conserve soil
- Connect to nature
- Protect air & water quality
- Preserve heirloom varieties



# Plant Fruit Trees

The best time to plant a fruit tree is **TODAY!**

## Tree Sizes

Dwarf 8' – 10'

Semi-dwarf 12' – 15'

Standard 18' – 25+'

## Resources

- www.fedcoseeds.com/trees
- www.possibilityplace.com
- www.groworganicapples.com
- www.phillyorchards.org
- Mother Earth News
- extension.illinois.edu



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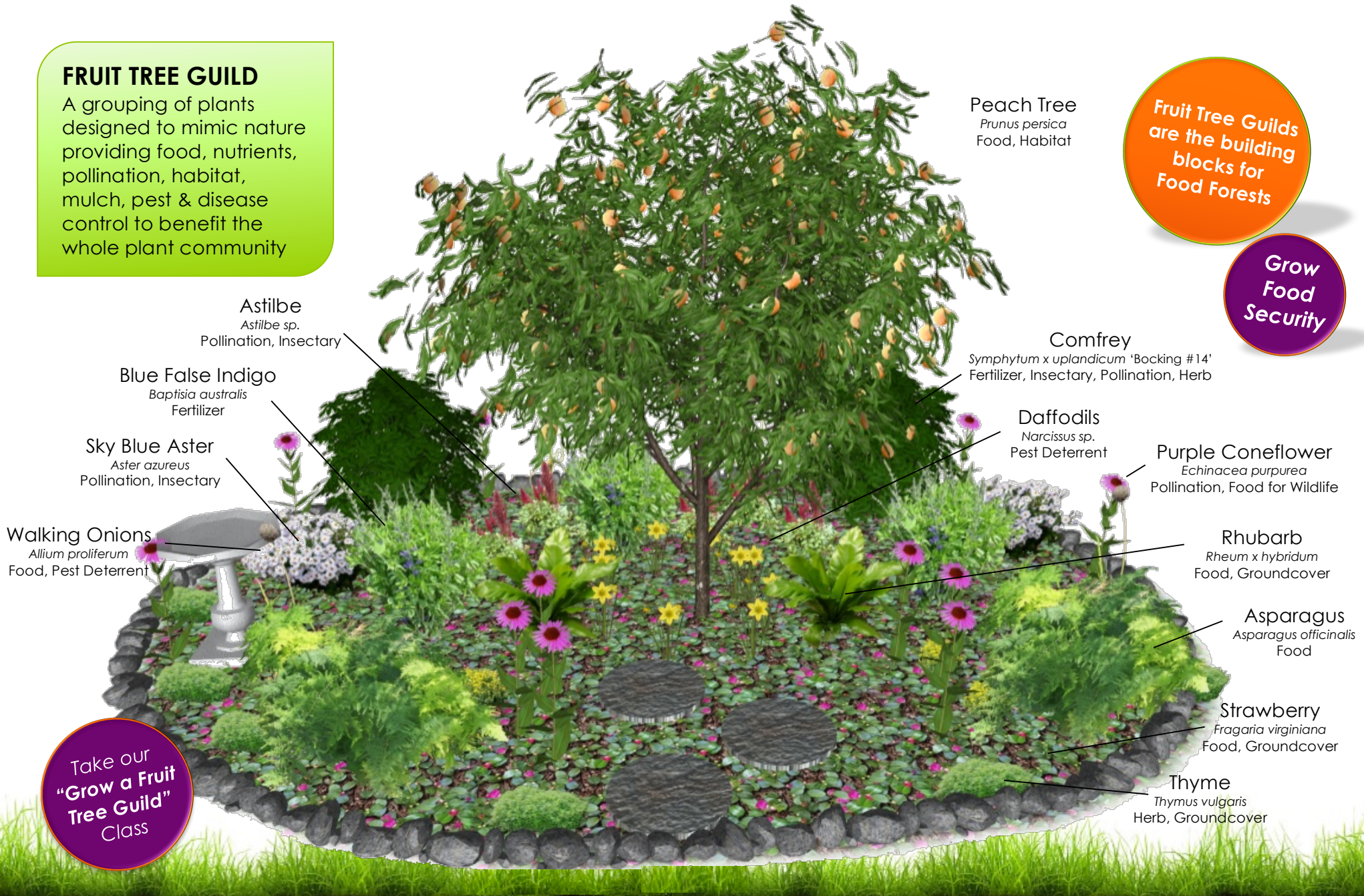


## FRUIT TREE GUILD

A grouping of plants designed to mimic nature providing food, nutrients, pollination, habitat, mulch, pest & disease control to benefit the whole plant community

Fruit Tree Guilds are the building blocks for Food Forests

Grow Food Security



Peach Tree  
*Prunus persica*  
Food, Habitat

Astilbe  
*Astilbe* sp.  
Pollination, Insectary

Comfrey  
*Symphytum x uplandicum* 'Bocking #14'  
Fertilizer, Insectary, Pollination, Herb

Blue False Indigo  
*Baptisia australis*  
Fertilizer

Daffodils  
*Narcissus* sp.  
Pest Deterrent

Sky Blue Aster  
*Aster azureus*  
Pollination, Insectary

Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea purpurea*  
Pollination, Food for Wildlife

Walking Onions  
*Allium proliferum*  
Food, Pest Deterrent

Rhubarb  
*Rheum x hybridum*  
Food, Groundcover

Asparagus  
*Asparagus officinalis*  
Food

Strawberry  
*Fragaria virginiana*  
Food, Groundcover

Thyme  
*Thymus vulgaris*  
Herb, Groundcover

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### SOIL

Well-draining, fertile  
Sandy, loamy texture  
pH 6.0 – 8.0

### WATER

1-2" rain/water/week  
Avoid overwatering  
Avoid areas of flooding

### SUN

6+ hours full sun daily  
Eastern & Southern exposures best

### NUTRIENTS

Top dress with compost, leaf mulch, gypsum, blood meal, bone meal

