





Cherry guava (*Psidium cattleianum*)

Type	Deciduous/ Evergreen	Height x Width (metres)	Spacing (metres)	Pollinator	Soil type	Sun	Moisture	Shelter	Plant	Harvest
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Site

- Needs a warm site with full sun.
- Tolerates some frost once established.
- Tolerates salt and wind, good for coastal areas.
- Soil should be well drained but also retain moisture.

Care

- Has shallow, spreading roots, so weed very carefully and mulch with well-rotted manure or compost to control weeds and help retain moisture.
- Take care not to damage the taproot when planting.
- Protect from frost when young.
- Water regularly while the fruit is developing.
- Pollinated by bees and other insects, and birds.
- Self-fertile, but you'll get more fruit if there's more than one tree.

Training & pruning

- Ideal for growing in a container, or in the garden as a large, *vase*-shaped bush or as a small *central leader* tree.
- Prune in late autumn or early spring to shape the tree.
- Fruit forms on new growth, so don't prune after the new growth has started.

Companions

- Citrus trees, marigolds

Harvest

- Fruits within 2 or 3 years.
- Pick fruit in autumn when soft and fully coloured. Keep refrigerated.
- Eat fresh, or use in jellies, jams, sauces, baking and preserves.

Health

- Good levels of vitamin C, fibre, iron, calcium and phosphorous.

