

Edible Ornamentals

There's something extremely satisfying about a decorative plant which also produces edible fruits or shoots – be adventurous – even if your Olive doesn't give you oil this year or the magnificent red and orange flowers of your pomegranate fail to set fruit, it's still a great talking point

Trees

Morus nigra – the Mulberry – we offer this as an ornamental roof as well as a tree. Roofs are ideal for casting shade on seating areas.

Olea Europea – the Olive is surprisingly tough and grows happily with us in Worcestershire. The winter of 2009-10 tried our trees severely, but we expect them to bounce back and we are in a very exposed location. For best results plant them in a courtyard or sheltered garden. Ours do produce oily fruits, but we haven't had extracted oil yet.

Climbers

Actinidia chinensis 'Jenny' – self-pollinating Kiwi fruit – a large climber, but a space-saving one as until self-pollinating Kiwi vines came along it was necessary to grow 1 male for every 2 or more female plants. Needs a protected site.

Passiflora edulis – produces edible Passion Fruits – best grown against a south wall to allow the fruits to ripen

Vitis vinifera – the grape vine – we also offer this trained as a full standard which you can sit beneath

For Sunny, South-facing Walls

Ficus carica – the Fig gives its best fruit when fan-trained against a south-facing wall – on a warm autumn day sun-warmed fruits, picked straight from the tree are a real treat.

Prunus armeniaca – the Apricot and *Prunus persica* – the Peach

Punica granatum – the Pomegranate – yes, it can fruit in southern England

Good Old English Fruit Trees

The Victoria Plum, the Gages, the Herefordshire Russet Apple Tree – we love them all

Nut Trees and Bushes

Corylus avellana – the Hazel or Cob Nut, which produces edible nuts, prefers acidic soil, but is unfussy and is fine grown on heavy clay as well as lighter soils.