

# Tropical Treats

## Grow Your Own Mangoes.

Many people think their idea of heaven is biting into a ripe juicy mango. We won't argue with that. The good news is, with a little care and attention, you can grow these heavenly fruits at home.

Mangoes are essentially a tropical tree, but have proven to be successful in most frost free parts of metropolitan Perth. There are even one or two commercial Mango plantations on the outskirts of the city.

Plant Mangoes in a sunny, protected position. They appreciate rich, fertile soils, so improve the planting site with the addition of plenty of organic matter. This can easily be done by blending Dawson's Organic Soil Improver with your existing soil. After planting apply a good thick layer of organic mulch.

One of the tricks to getting Mangoes going in Perth is to shade them over the critical establishment period. Shade young trees for their first two summers, as they are very prone to sun burn, until they settle into our climate. You can be easily provide shade by driving some tall stakes around the tree and wrapping with shade cloth.

Water Mangoes regularly over the warmer months of the year. Young trees will be need to be watered daily during their first summer and autumn in the garden.

Established Mangoes, need feeding with an all purpose fertiliser (such as Dawson's All Purpose), in October, December, February and April.

**Dawson's supply the following Mango varieties. Customers note new season's stock available from October each season and stocks are strictly limited.**

**Seedling Mango Kensington Pride (also known as Bowen)**, is a seed grown mango Variety. It's the most widely grown Mango in Australia and has large sweet fruit maturing in February.

**Grafted Mango Kensington Pride**, are grafted with superior selections of Kensington Pride.

**Grafted Mango R2E2**, has even larger, juicy fruit and matures about 2-3 weeks later than Kensington Pride.

Both seedling and grafted Mangoes will begin fruiting as little as three to four years after planting. Grafted Mangoes will sometimes fruit a year earlier than seedlings. Trees grow 4-8m high and have a spreading canopy.



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