Goldcot Apricot

Prunus armeniaca 'Goldcot'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An attractive small fruit tree with showy pink flowers in spring and golden-yellow fruit in mid summer; somewhat upright and compact, quite ornamental; needs full sun, well-drained soil and a pollinator; flowers can be damaged by a late spring frost

Edible Qualities

Goldcot Apricot is a small tree that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces gold round fruit (technically 'drupes') with yellow overtones and orange flesh which are usually ready for picking in mid summer. Note that the fruits have hard inedible pits inside which must be removed before eating or processing. The fruits have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Preserves
- Drying
- Canning
- Freezing



Goldcot Apricot fruit
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Features & Attributes

Goldcot Apricot is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy gold drupes with yellow overtones, which are carried in abundance in mid summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.



Goldcot Apricot fruit
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This is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Goldcot Apricot is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Goldcot Apricot will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.