State Fair Pomegranate

Punica granatum 'State Fair'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

This vigorous, hardy variety matures into a dense habit with individual orange-red flowers that hang from the ends of branches in early to late summer, followed by red fruit; drought tolerant once established, this selection is great for sunny borders

Ornamental Features

State Fair Pomegranate has nodding tomato-orange tubular flowers with orange overtones at the ends of the branches from early to late summer, which are interesting on close inspection. The fruits are showy gold pomes with a ruby-red blush, which are carried in abundance in early fall. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

This plant is primarily grown as an ornamental, but it's also valued for its edible qualities. The oblong sweet seeds are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Preserves
- Juice-Making

Landscape Attributes

State Fair Pomegranate is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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.



State Fair Pomegranate fruit
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State Fair Pomegranate in bloom
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This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

State Fair Pomegranate is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



State Fair Pomegranate flowers
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Planting & Growing

State Fair Pomegranate will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

State Fair Pomegranate makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.