East Bay Nursery

Moro Blood Orange

Citrus sinensis 'Moro'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Description:

An attractive tree that features fragrant white blooms in late winter, followed by medium-sized fruit with dark crimson flesh, and a wonderful sweet flavor; a nice landscape plant, or large screen; protect from frost; great for containers

Edible Qualities

Moro Blood Orange is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces orange round fruit with a red blush and crimson flesh which are usually ready for picking from early to late winter. The seedlessfruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Juice-Making
- Sauces

Features & Attributes

Moro Blood Orange features showy clusters of fragrant white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent orange berries with red blush from late fall to late winter.



Moro Blood Orange fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Moro Blood Orange fruit
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This is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Moro Blood Orange is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping
- Container Planting



Moro Blood Orange fruit
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Planting & Growing

Moro Blood Orange will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Moro Blood Orange is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.