Rangpur

Citrus x limonia



Rangpur fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Mandarin Lime, Marmalade Lime, Lemandarin

Description:

A fast growing large shrub, or small tree with a few small thorns; round, reddish-orange fruit with lime scented sour fruit that is excellent for preserves; purple tinted flowers in spring; great container plant for the patio or indoors in colder climates

Edible Qualities

Rangpur is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces orange oval fruit with red overtones which are usually ready for picking from late fall to mid winter. The fruits have a sour taste with a juicy texture and a spicy fragrance.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Preserves
- Seasoning

Features & Attributes

Rangpur features showy clusters of fragrant white star-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes and purple streaks 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 overtones from late fall to mid winter. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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;

- Disease
- Spiny

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

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

Planting & Growing

Rangpur 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 is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Rangpur 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.