

# Dragonfruit



Perhaps the only thing more interesting than the Dragon Fruit's looks is the way it tastes. Easily peel away the pink outer skin and inside you'll find a milky white flesh speckled with tiny black seeds similar to those of a kiwi, adding a crunchy texture to its juicy pulp. Similar to a cross between a

melon and a pear, the sweet yet slightly sour taste is delicious, especially when eaten chilled.

## *Hylocereus undatus*

- **Use:** Bring beauty and intrigue to your garden or landscape with the Dragon Fruit tree. A member of the cactus family, this incredible fruit tree is full of great surprises. For starters, the tree itself has an exotic appeal unlike any other. The palm-like trunk leads up to a twisty patchwork of cactus looking vines. This Southeast Asian-style tree would ***make an excellent specimen for an oriental garden or tropical motif.***
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** It will be approximately 5-10' tall
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11; Tropical
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Do not prune mature trees heavily because this can reduce the crop.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Adding a burst of color are the large white blossoms that can grow to nearly a foot long. These lovely flowers are as fragrant as they are beautiful. But the real prize is the Dragon Fruit itself. Everything about the fruit is wonderfully different. From its elliptical shape to its striking neon-pink color, the Dragon is a jaw dropping standout in the landscape. In fact, we can't think of any other fruit that's more visually appealing than this one. Self-fertile. You will get fruit with only one plant. However, adding an additional Dragon Fruit Cactus will drastically increase the size of your crop.

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