

Keraji Mandarin



Ripening time is between November and January, bloom time is late winter into early spring. Tastes like lemonade when perfectly ripe but will get sweeter and less acidic when left to ripen on the tree longer.

Citrus reticulata 'Keraji'

- **Use:** We love the fragrance of the blossoms! They're very robust, easy to grow trees and are cold tolerant. The tree can hang on to the fruit for a long time but they will lose flavor over time. The fruit makes for excellent fresh eating, it can also be juiced instead as a sugarless lemonade, you can turn it into marmalade or add it to a salad dressing as an interesting vinaigrette or can even make a beautiful sorbet.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Always hungry citrus need a lot of fertilizer.
- **Growth:** Semi-dwarf; Moderate grower to 10-12 feet tall and 6-8 feet wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone (8)9-11; It's known to be cold hardy down to zone 8, though may need a little protection while still young. Can handle down to 14F in ground. This citrus has proven quite hardy in Augusta, Georgia since 1997 and is hardy than most, but still best to bring indoors in winter.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, glossy green foliage. Mostly thornless.
- **Flower/Fruit:** Fragrant 1 1/2 - 2" white flowers produce tasty fruit in winter. The fruits on this tree are small, similar to a satsuma in size but super easy to peel apart due to its puffy skin. The flesh is easy to segment to eat but they are a bit seedy and in peak season the fruit tastes like eating lemonade. While this tree is seedy, this cultivar more than makes up for it with being super productive.

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