

# Jiro Japanese Persimmon



- **Productive producer of oblate-shaped fruit.**
- **Non-stringent with good quality.**
- **It will mature seedless crops.**
- **Tree is comparatively smaller than most and regulates its crop load well.**



## *Diospyros kaki 'Jiro'*

- **Use:** Japanese persimmons are a favorite fruit in the Orient. The Oriental persimmon can be placed in a lawn or naturalized area, an Asian, winter or edible garden. It can be trained as an espalier or pruned as a hedge or screen away from foot traffic or wet soil. They have no serious insect or disease problems and they do not require annual pruning like some other deciduous fruit trees. However, they do produce root suckers. Remove promptly unless a naturalized effect is wanted. The tree is a vigorous producer of fruit that is sweet, mild, and non-astringent.
- **Exposure/Soil:** The trees grow best in loamy, well-drained soils with a pH of 6.0 to 6.5 in full sun but thrive on a wide range of soils, but recommended to amend clay soils.
- **Growth:** They can grow up to 12-15 feet tall if not pruned and 10-15' wide.
- **Hardiness:** 7a-10b; Tree. Handling 10+ degree temps it is one of the most cold-hardy cultivars.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. This persimmon tree is a handsome ornamental with large leaves and can turn dramatic shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Fruit stays on the tree after the leaves have fallen looking like Christmas ornaments, giving an attractive addition to a winter garden. Harvest the fruit when the skin becomes deep orange. Fruit from this non-astringent variety can be eaten raw like an apple or sliced like a tomato and can be used in a variety of baked goods. It sets fruit without pollination but planting two cultivars is recommended to ensure a better fruit-set.

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