

Matsumoto Japanese Persimmon



Diospyros kaki 'Matsumoto'

- **Use:** Japanese persimmons are a favorite fruit in the Orient, and is so popular that the persimmon fruit is hung up on strings for sale outside stores. They have an exceptional flavor and provide us with important nutrients such as beta-carotene, Vitamin C and potassium. This variety does not darken when cut, so it can be sliced and made part of a vegetable or fruit tray.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun. Well-drained, rich soil. Adaptable to most soil types, but amend if red clay for best results and drainage. The success of new trees is heavily dependent on the care received during and after planting. Prefers a 6.0-7.0 pH so most likely you will need to amend your soil with lime (as most soils in the Southern Piedmont have a pH of 5.6).
- **Growth:** They typically grow 15' tall and 15-20' wide, but could reach 25' over decades if unpruned.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. This persimmon tree is a handsome ornamental with glossy green, large leaves and can turn dramatic shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Self-fertile, but planting two cultivars is recommended to ensure a better fruit-set. Fruit are non-astringent, medium to large in size, excellent flavor, oblate in shape, dark orange skin, light orange flesh, and ripen 2 weeks earlier than Fuyu in October. (Also, fruit is larger than Fuyu.)



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