

# Arkansas Black Apple



You'll get a good number of apples each season – juicy, robust apples that emerge after only one year and can be stored for months. Best of all, your Black Arkansas Apples will be ready for harvest around November, just in time for cider season. Plus, planting, growing and harvesting your Arkansas Black Apples is easy - though you will need two different Apple varieties planted nearby (or one self-fertile variety like the Gala or Granny Smith), the entire process couldn't be simpler.

## *Malus pumila 'Arkansas Black'*

- **Use:** Possibly raised by a settler called John Crawford in Arkansas, USA in the 1840s, and certainly widely grown in Arkansas and Missouri later that century. It is thought to be a seedling of Winesap. This apple is notable for the extremely dark coloration, which becomes almost black after storage. ***Please be sure to read the Home Garden Apples article from UGA on our Plant Information Page on the website. There is too much information to print here. These trees were locally grown!***
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sunlight, and plenty of it, is a key to increasing fruit production. Pick an area where the trees will be in the sun most or all of the day. The early morning sun is particularly important because it dries the dew from the leaves thereby reducing the incidence of diseases. If the planting site does not get plenty of sun, then you can't expect the best performance from the tree. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** Mature height 12-15 ft. tall and 8-10ft wide. Plant at 20 ft apart.
- **Hardiness: Zone** 6-10; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** Its unique, dark red-purple apples are filled with delicious tart and sweet flavors that are irresistible. Once you bite into a crisp Arkansas Black Apple you'll know why it's the baker's favorite apple: Their sharp flavor has a sweet after-taste with notes of sugar and cinnamon. 2 pollinator required-Pink Lady, Gala, Granny, Fuji, Honeycrisp, McIntosh, Red Delicious

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