



CMG GardenNotes #770

Tree Fruit

References and Review Material

Reading/Reference Materials

CSU GardenNotes

- <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/volunteer-information/cmg-gardennotes-class-handouts/>.
- #101, *IPM: Plant Health Care*.
- #771, *Growing Tree Fruit in Colorado Gardens*.

CSU Extension Fact Sheets

- <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/>.
- #2.800, *Backyard Orchard: Apples and Pears* [Pest Management].
- #2.804, *Backyard Orchard: Stone Fruits* [Pest Management].
- #2.907, *Fire Blight in Fruit Trees*.
- #2.914, *Coryneum Blight*.
- #2.954, *Preventative Control for Cytospora Canker on Peach*.
- #5.507, *Spider Mites*.
- #5.560, *Pear Slugs*.
- #5.566, *Peachtree Borer*.
- #5.569, *Insect Control: Horticultural Oils*.
- #5.583, *Tent-Making Caterpillars*.
- #5.613, *Codling Moth: Control in Home Plantings*.
- #7.002, *Pollination of Tree Fruits*.
- #7.003, *Training and Pruning Fruit Trees*.
- #7.612, *Fertilizing Fruit Trees*.

Planttalk Colorado™

- <https://planttalk.colostate.edu/>.
- #1201, *Apples*.
- #1202, *Cherries*.
- #1204, *Peaches*.
- #1205, *Pears*.
- #1206, *Plums*.
- #1209, *Apricots*.
- #1210, *Pruning Mature Fruit Trees*.
- #1211, *Training Young Fruit Trees*.
- #1216, *Fertilizing Fruit Trees*.
- #1217, *Fruit trees for Colorado*.

- #1411, *Fire Blight*.
- #1444, *Coryneum Blight*.
- #1484, *Tent Caterpillars*.
- #1498, *Horticultural Oils*.

Other

- For a deeper dive into fruit trees, see <https://intermountainfruit.org/>.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this training, the student will be able to:

- Discuss considerations in planting fruit trees in the home landscape.
- Describe structural training and annual pruning of dwarf, semi-dwarf, and standard size apples.
- Describe structural training and annual pruning of peaches.

Review Questions

1. Describe considerations in planting fruit trees in the home landscape.
2. What fruits are generally self-fruitful? What fruits require cross pollination by another compatible cultivar?
3. Describe the difference between structural pruning of semi-dwarf apples and annual pruning?
4. Describe the annual pruning of peaches.
5. Explain why thinning of fruit is important.