



2013 Guide to Special Tomato Varieties

If you're looking for a particular color or type of tomato, or if the tomato you want is not available, this guide may help you find what you need.

Orange

Kellogg's Breakfast (beefsteak)
Persimmon (beefsteak)
Sungold (cherry)

Yellow/Gold

Beam's Yellow Pear (cherry)
Golden Grape (cherry)
Husk Cherry Goldie (cherry)
Isis Candy (cherry)
Sun Sugar (cherry)
Wapsipicon Peach (cherry)
Yellow Brandywine (beefsteak)

Bi-Color

Ananas Noire (classic)
Big Rainbow (beefsteak)
Black Zebra (classic)
Chocolate Stripe (classic)
Green Orange Zebra (classic)
Hawaiian Pineapple (beefsteak)
Large Barred Boar (classic)
Marvel Stripe (beefsteak)
Speckled Roman (paste)

Green

Aunt Ruby's German Green (beefsteak)
Green Zebra (classic)

Black

Black Cherry (cherry)
Black Ethiopian (classic)
Black from Tula (classic)
Black Krim (classic)
Black Prince (classic)
Black Sea Man (classic)
Cherokee Purple (classic)
Chocolate Stripe (classic)

Classic Reds

Ace (classic)
Box Car Willie (classic)
Cour di Bue (oxheart)
Cuore de Toro (oxheart)
German Red Strawberry (classic)
Italian Heirloom (beefsteak)
Momotaro (classic)
Principe Borghese (cherry)
Red Zebra (cherry)
Stupice (classic)

Other Reds

Consider paste tomatoes, such as Costoluto Genovese, Italian Roma Bush, San Marzano or Speckled Roman for salads and salsas, not just for cooking. With a sweet, intense flavor, they won't make your salad or salsa too drippy with juice.

Early or for cool, foggy climates

Any cherry tomato or small classic tomatoes
Black Prince (classic)
Caspian Pink (beefsteak)
Chianti Rose (beefsteak)
Italian Roma Bush (Plum)
Moskovich Tall Vine (classic)
Stupice (classic)

Patio Tomatoes

These varieties are all determinates (short, 2-3') or semi-determinates (about 4-5'), so are easier to manage for containers, though caging or staking is still usually recommended. Note that full-size tomatoes can also be successfully grown in containers; they simply require taller cages or trellising.

Ananas Noire (classic, semi)
Black Sea Man (classic, det)
Moskovich Tall Vine (classic, semi)
Principe Borghese (plum, paste, det)
Sugar Sweetie (cherry, indet)

Why aren't you offering variety X this year? This is only our *Second Annual Great Tomato Plant Sale* and we have added twenty-two varieties this year. Unfortunately, we have a limited amount of space, time, and volunteers, so we simply can't grow everything, much as we would like to. Our focus is on growing excellent varieties that grow well in Contra Costa and aren't widely available. We are testing new heirloom varieties in Our Garden as to whether they will grow well here in Contra Costa's climate. The few that make the grade will be at the market for you to buy next year.

Any questions? Need advice on good cultivation practices? Contact us!

