Citrus

Citrus is a genus of flowering trees and shrubs in the rue family, Rutaceae. Plants in the genus produce citrus fruits, including important crops such as oranges, lemons, grapefruits, pomelos, and limes. The genus Citrus is native to South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Melanesia, and Australia. Various citrus species have been utilized and domesticated by indigenous cultures in these areas since ancient times. From there its cultivation spread into Micronesia and Polynesia by the Austronesian expansion (c. 3000–1500 BCE); and to the Middle East and the Mediterranean (c. 1200 BCE) via the incense trade route, and onwards to Europe. [2][3][4][5]

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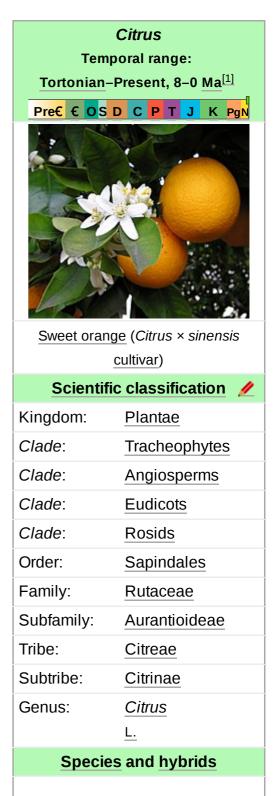
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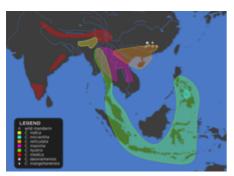
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Citrus plants are native to subtropical and tropical regions of Asia, Island Southeast Asia, Near Oceania, and northeastern Australia. Domestication of citrus species involved much hybridization and introgression, leaving much uncertainty about when and where domestication first happened. [2] A genomic, phylogenic, and biogeographical analysis by Wu et al. (2018) has shown that the center of origin of the genus Citrus is likely the southeast foothills of the Himalayas, in a region stretching from eastern Assam, northern Myanmar, to western Yunnan. It diverged from a common ancestor with Poncirus trifoliata. A change in climate conditions during the Late Miocene (11.63 to 5.33 mya) resulted in a sudden speciation event. The species resulting from this event include the citrons (Citrus medica) of South Asia; the pomelos (C. maxima) of Mainland Southeast Asia; the mandarins (*C. reticulata*), kumquats (C. japonica), mangshanyegan (C. mangshanensis), and ichang papedas (C. cavaleriei) of southeastern China; the kaffir limes (C. hystrix) of Island Southeast Asia; and the biasong and samuyao (*C. micrantha*) of the Philippines. [2][3]



Map of inferred original wild ranges of the main *Citrus* cultivars, and selected relevant wild taxa^[3]

This was later followed by the spread of citrus species into <u>Taiwan</u> and <u>Japan</u> in the <u>Early Pliocene</u> (5.33 to 3.6 <u>mya</u>), resulting in the tachibana orange

Citrus micrantha – a papeda Citrus hystrix – <u>Kaffir lime</u> Citrus cavaleriei - <u>Ichang papeda</u> Citrus japonica - Kumquat

Important hybrids:

Citrus × aurantiifolia – Key lime

Citrus × aurantium – Bitter orange

Citrus × latifolia – Persian lime

Citrus × limon – Lemon

Citrus × limonia – Rangpur

Citrus × paradisi – Grapefruit

Citrus × sinensis – Sweet orange

Citrus × tangerina – Tangerine

See also <u>below</u> for other species and hybrids.

Synonyms

Eremocitrus Microcitrus and see text

(*C. tachibana*); and beyond the <u>Wallace Line</u> into <u>Papua New Guinea</u> and <u>Australia</u> during the <u>Early Pleistocene</u> (2.5 million to 800,000 years ago), where further speciation events occurred resulting in the Australian limes. [2][3]

The earliest introductions of citrus species by human migrations was during the <u>Austronesian expansion</u> (c. 3000–1500 BCE), where *Citrus hystrix*, *Citrus macroptera*, and *Citrus maxima* were among

the <u>canoe plants</u> carried by <u>Austronesian</u> voyagers eastwards into <u>Micronesia</u> and <u>Polynesia</u>. [6]

The citron (*Citrus medica*) was also introduced early into the Mediterranean basin from India and Southeast Asia. It was introduced via two ancient trade routes: an overland route through Persia, the Levant and the Mediterranean islands; and a maritime route through the Arabian Peninsula and Ptolemaic Egypt into North Africa. Although the exact date of the original introduction is unknown due to the sparseness of archaeobotanical remains, the earliest evidence are seeds recovered from the Hala Sultan Tekke site of Cyprus, dated to around 1200 BCE. Other archaeobotanical evidence include pollen from Carthage dating back to the 4th century BCE; and carbonized seeds from Pompeii dated to around the 3rd to 2nd century BCE. The earliest complete description of the citron was first attested from Theophrastus, c. 310 BCE. [4][5][7] The agronomists of classical Rome made many references to the cultivation of citrus fruits within the limits of their empire. [8]

Lemons, pomelos, and sour oranges are believed to have been introduced to the Mediterranean later by Arab traders at around the 10th century CE; and sweet oranges by the Genoese and Portuguese from Asia during the 15th to 16th century. Mandarins were not introduced until the 19th century. [4][5][7][8] This group of species has reached great importance in some of the Mediterranean countries, and in the case of orange, mandarin, and lemon trees, they found here soil and climatic conditions which allow them to achieve a high level of fruit quality, even better than in the regions from where they came. [8]

Oranges were introduced to Florida by Spanish colonists. [9][10]

In cooler parts of Europe, citrus fruit was grown in <u>orangeries</u> starting in the 17th century; many were as much status symbols as functional agricultural structures. [11]

Etymology

The generic name originated from <u>Latin</u>, where it referred to either the plant now known as <u>citron</u> (*C. medica*) or a conifer tree (*Thuja*). It is related to the <u>ancient Greek</u> word for <u>cedar</u>, κέδρος (kédros). This may be due to perceived similarities in the smell of citrus leaves and fruit with that of cedar. Collectively, *Citrus* fruits and plants are also known by the Romance loanword *agrumes* (literally "sour fruits").

Evolution

The large citrus fruit of today evolved originally from small, edible berries over millions of years. Citrus species began to diverge from a common ancestor about 15 million years ago, at about the same time that *Severinia* (such as the <u>Chinese box orange</u>) diverged from the same ancestor. About 7 million years ago, the ancestors of *Citrus* split into the main genus, *Citrus*, and the genus *Poncirus* (such as the <u>trifoliate orange</u>), which is closely enough related that it can still be hybridized with all other citrus and used as rootstock. These estimates are made using genetic mapping of plant <u>chloroplasts</u>. A DNA study published in <u>Nature</u> in 2018 concludes that the genus *Citrus* first evolved in the foothills of the <u>Himalayas</u>, in the area of <u>Assam</u> (India), western Yunnan (China), and northern Myanmar.

The three ancestral (sometimes characterized as "original" or "fundamental") species in the genus *Citrus* associated with modern *Citrus* cultivars are the <u>mandarin orange</u>, <u>pomelo</u>, and <u>citron</u>. Almost all of the common commercially important citrus fruits (sweet oranges, lemons, grapefruit, limes, and so on) are hybrids involving these three species with each other, their main progenies, and other wild *Citrus* species within the last few thousand years. [2][15][16]

Fossil record

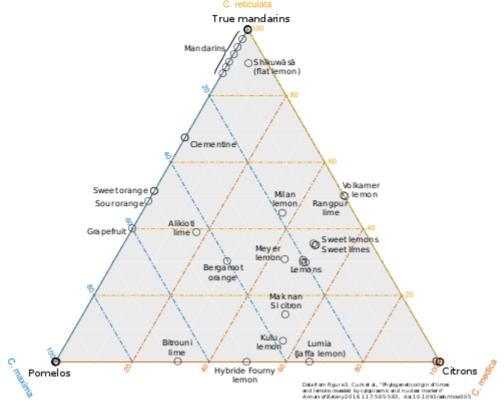
A <u>fossil</u> leaf from the <u>Pliocene</u> of <u>Valdarno</u> (<u>Italy</u>) is described as $\dagger Citrus\ meletensis. ^{[17]}$ In <u>China</u>, fossil leaf specimens of $\dagger Citrus\ linczangensis$ have been collected from coal-bearing strata of the Bangmai Formation in the Bangmai village, about 10 km northwest of <u>Lincang City</u>, Yunnan. The Bangmai Formation contains abundant fossil plants and is considered to be of late <u>Miocene</u> age. *Citrus linczangensis* and *C. meletensis* share some important characters, such as an intramarginal vein, an entire margin, and an articulated and distinctly winged <u>petiole</u>. $^{[18]}$

Taxonomy

The <u>taxonomy</u> and <u>systematics</u> of the genus are complex and the precise number of natural <u>species</u> is unclear, as many of the named species are <u>hybrids</u> clonally propagated through seeds (by <u>apomixis</u>), and <u>genetic</u> evidence indicates that even some wild, true-breeding species are of hybrid origin.

Most cultivated *Citrus* spp. seem to be <u>natural</u> or <u>artificial hybrids</u> of a small number of core ancestral species, including the citron, pomelo, mandarin, and <u>papeda</u> (see image). Natural and cultivated <u>citrus hybrids</u> include commercially important fruit such as oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, and some tangerines.

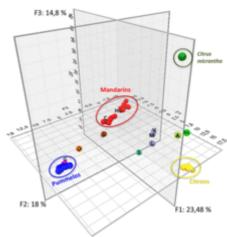
Hybridization in citrus cultivars Genetic mixing of three ancestral species



Citrus fruits clustered by genetic similarity, $\underline{\text{ternary diagram}}$ based on data from Curk, et al. (2016)[19]

Apart from these core citrus species, Australian limes and the recently discovered mangshanyegan are grown. Kumquats Clymenia spp. are now generally considered to belong within the genus *Citrus*.^[22] **Trifoliate** orange, which is often used as commercial rootstock, is an outgroup and may or may not be categorized as a citrus.

Phylogenetic analysis suggests the species of *Oxanthera* from New Caledonia should be transferred to the genus *Citrus*. [23]



Three-dimensional projection of a principal component analysis of citrus hybrids, with citron (yellow), pomelo (blue), mandarin (red), and micrantha (green) defining the axes. Hybrids are expected to plot between their parents. ML: 'Mexican' lime; A: 'Alemow'; V: 'Volkamer' lemon; M: 'Meyer' lemon; L: Regular and 'Sweet' lemons; B: Bergamot orange; H: Haploid clementine; C: Clementines; S: Sour oranges; O: Sweet oranges; G: Grapefruits. Figure from Curk, et al. (2014). [20]

Description



Slices of various citrus fruits

Tree

These plants are large <u>shrubs</u> or small to moderate-sized trees, reaching 5–15 m (16–49 ft) tall, with <u>spiny</u> shoots and alternately arranged <u>evergreen leaves</u> with an entire margin. [24] The <u>flowers</u> are solitary or in small <u>corymbs</u>, each flower 2–4 cm (0.79–1.57 in) diameter, with five (rarely four) white petals and numerous stamens; they are often very strongly scented, due to the presence of essential oil glands. [25]

Fruit

The <u>fruit</u> is a <u>hesperidium</u>, a specialised berry, globose to elongated, 4–30 cm (1.6–11.8 in) long and 4–20 cm (1.6–7.9 in) diameter, with a leathery rind or "peel" called a <u>pericarp</u>. The outermost layer of the pericarp is an "exocarp" called the <u>flavedo</u>, commonly referred to as the <u>zest</u>. The middle layer of the pericarp is the mesocarp, which in citrus fruits consists of the white, spongy "albedo", or "pith". The innermost layer of the pericarp is the endocarp. The space inside each segment is a locule filled with juice vesicles, or "pulp".

From the endocarp, string-like "hairs" extend into the locules, which provide nourishment to the fruit as it develops. $\frac{[27][28]}{}$ Many citrus <u>cultivars</u> have been developed to be seedless (see <u>nucellar embryony</u> and parthenocarpy) and easy to peel. $\frac{[26]}{}$

Citrus fruits are notable for their fragrance, partly due to <u>flavonoids</u> and <u>limonoids</u> (which in turn are <u>terpenes</u>) contained in the rind, and most are juice-laden. The juice contains a high quantity of <u>citric acid</u> and other organic acids^[29] giving them their characteristic sharp flavour. The genus is commercially important as many species are cultivated for their fruit, which is eaten fresh, pressed for <u>juice</u>, or preserved in <u>marmalades</u> and pickles.

They are also good sources of <u>vitamin C</u>. The content of vitamin C in the fruit depends on the species, variety, and mode of cultivation. The flavonoids include various flavanones and flavones. [31]

Cultivation



Lemons are a citrus fruit native to Asia, but now common worldwide.

Citrus trees <u>hybridise</u> very readily – depending on the <u>pollen</u> source, plants grown from a <u>Persian lime</u>'s seeds can produce fruit similar to grapefruit. Thus, all commercial citrus cultivation uses trees produced by <u>grafting</u> the desired fruiting <u>cultivars</u> onto <u>rootstocks</u> selected for disease resistance and hardiness.

The colour of citrus fruits only develops in climates with a (diurnal) cool winter. [32] In tropical regions with no winter at all, citrus fruits remain green until maturity, hence the tropical "green oranges". [33] The



Limes in a grocery store

Persian lime in particular is extremely sensitive to cool conditions, thus it is not usually exposed to cool enough conditions to develop a mature colour. If they are left in a cool place over winter, the fruits will change colour to yellow.

The terms "ripe" and "mature" are usually used synonymously, but they mean different things. A mature fruit is one that has completed its growth phase. Ripening is the changes that occur within the fruit after it is mature to the beginning of decay. These changes usually involve starches converting to sugars, a decrease in acids, softening, and change in the fruit's colour. [34]

Citrus fruits are non<u>climacteric</u> and respiration slowly declines and the production and release of ethylene is gradual. The fruits do not go through a ripening process in the sense that they become "tree ripe". Some fruits, for example cherries, physically mature and then continue to ripen on the tree. Other fruits, such as pears, are picked when mature, but before they ripen, then continue to ripen off the tree. Citrus fruits pass from immaturity to maturity to overmaturity while still on the tree. Once they are separated from the tree, they do not increase in sweetness or continue to ripen. The only way change may happen after being picked is that they eventually start to decay.

With oranges, colour cannot be used as an indicator of ripeness because sometimes the rinds turn orange long before the oranges are ready to eat. Tasting them is the only way to know whether they are ready to eat.

Citrus trees are not generally <u>frost</u> hardy. Mandarin oranges (*C. reticulata*) tend to be the hardiest of the common *Citrus* species and can withstand short periods down to as cold as -10 °C (14 °F), but realistically temperatures not falling below -2 °C (28 °F) are required for successful cultivation. Tangerines, tangors and <u>yuzu</u> can be grown outside even in regions with more marked subfreezing temperatures in winter, although this may affect fruit quality. A few hardy hybrids can withstand temperatures well below freezing, but do not produce quality fruit. Lemons can be commercially grown in cooler-summer/moderate-winter, coastal Southern California, because sweetness is neither attained nor expected in retail lemon fruit. The related trifoliate orange (*C. trifoliata*) can survive below -20 °C (-4 °F); its fruit are astringent and inedible unless cooked, but a few better-tasting cultivars and hybrids have been developed (see citranges).



Mediterranean Mandarin (*Citrus* × *deliciosa* plantation, Son Carrió (Mallorca)

The trees thrive in a consistently sunny, humid environment with fertile soil and adequate rainfall or irrigation. Abandoned trees in valleys may suffer, yet survive, the dry summer of Central California's Inner Coast Ranges. At any age, citrus grows well enough with infrequent irrigation in partial shade, but the fruit crop is smaller. Being of tropical and subtropical origin, oranges, like all citrus, are broadleaved and evergreen. They do not drop leaves except when stressed. The stems of many varieties have large sharp thorns. The trees flower in the spring, and fruit is set shortly afterward. Fruit begins to ripen in fall or early winter, depending on cultivar, and develops increasing sweetness afterward. Some cultivars of tangerines ripen by winter. Some, such as the grapefruit, may take up to 18 months to ripen.



Leaf of Citrus tree

Production

According to the <u>UN Food and Agriculture Organization</u>, world production of all citrus fruits in 2016 was 124 million <u>tons</u>, with about half of this production as oranges. <u>[36]</u> According to the <u>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</u> (UNCTAD), citrus production grew during the early <u>21st century</u> mainly by the increase in <u>cultivation</u> areas, improvements in transportation and packaging, rising incomes and <u>consumer preference</u> for healthy foods. <u>[36]</u> In 2019-20, world production of oranges was estimated to be 47.5



Major producer regions

million tons, led by Brazil, Mexico, the European Union, and China as the largest producers. [37]

As ornamental plants

Citrus trees grown in tubs and wintered under cover were a feature of Renaissance gardens, once glass-making technology enabled sufficient expanses of clear glass to be produced. An <u>orangery</u> was a feature of royal and aristocratic residences through the 17th and 18th centuries. The *Orangerie* at the <u>Palace of the Louvre</u>, 1617, inspired imitations that were not eclipsed until the development of the modern greenhouse in the 1840s. In the United States, the earliest surviving orangery is at the <u>Tayloe House</u>, <u>Mount Airy</u>, <u>Virginia</u>. George Washington had an orangery at <u>Mount Vernon</u>.

Some modern hobbyists still grow dwarf citrus in containers or greenhouses in areas where the weather is too cold to grow it outdoors. Consistent climate, sufficient sunlight, and proper watering are crucial if the trees are to thrive and produce fruit. Compared to many of the usual "green shrubs", citrus trees better tolerate poor container care. For cooler winter areas, limes and lemons should not be grown, since they are more sensitive to winter cold than other citrus fruits. Hybrids with kumquats (× $\underline{Citrofortunella}$) have good cold resistance. A citrus tree in a container may have to be repotted every 5 years or so, since the roots may form a thick "root-ball" on the bottom of the pot. [38]



<u>Orangery</u> of the <u>Botanical Garden</u> in Leuven (Belgium)

Pests and diseases

Citrus plants are very liable to infestation by <u>aphids</u>, <u>whitefly</u>, and <u>scale insects</u> (e.g. <u>California red scale</u>). Also rather important are the viral infections to which some of these <u>ectoparasites</u> serve as <u>vectors</u> such as the aphid-transmitted <u>Citrus tristeza virus</u>, which when unchecked by proper methods of control is devastating to citrine plantations. The newest threat to citrus groves in the United States is the Asian citrus psyllid.

The Asian citrus psyllid is an aphid-like insect that feeds on the leaves and stems of citrus trees and other citrus-like plants. The real danger lies that the psyllid can carry a deadly, bacterial tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) (http://www.californiacitrusthreat.org/huanglongbing-citrus-greening.php), also known as citrus greening disease. [39]



<u>Citrus canker</u> is caused by the <u>gammaproteobacterium</u> *Xanthomonas axonopodis*

In August 2005, citrus greening disease was discovered in the south Florida region around Homestead and Florida City. The disease has since spread to every commercial citrus grove in Florida. In 2004–2005, USDA statistics reported the total Florida citrus production to be 169.1 million boxes of fruit. The estimate for all Florida citrus production in the 2015–2016 season is 94.2 million boxes, a 44.3% drop. Carolyn Slupsky, a professor of nutrition and food science at the University of California, Davis has said that "we could lose all fresh citrus within 10 to 15 years".

In June 2008, the psyllid was spotted dangerously close to California – right across the international border in <u>Tijuana</u>, Mexico. Only a few months later, it was detected in San Diego and Imperial Counties, and has since spread to Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, sparking quarantines in those areas. The Asian citrus psyllid has also been intercepted coming into California in packages of fruit and plants, including citrus, ornamentals, herbs and bouquets of cut flowers, shipped from other states and countries. [39]

The foliage is also used as a food plant by the <u>larvae</u> of <u>Lepidoptera</u> (<u>butterfly</u> and <u>moth</u>) species such as the <u>Geometridae common emerald</u> (*Hemithea aestivaria*) and <u>double-striped pug</u> (*Gymnoscelis rufifasciata*), the <u>Arctiidae giant leopard moth</u> (*Hypercompe scribonia*), <u>H. eridanus</u>, <u>H. icasia</u> and <u>H. indecisa</u>, many species in the family Papilionidae (swallowtail butterflies), and the <u>black-lyre leafroller moth</u> ("*Cnephasia*" jactatana), a tortrix moth.

Since 2000, the <u>citrus leafminer</u> (*Phyllocnistis citrella*) has been a pest in California, [42] boring meandering patterns through leaves.

In eastern Australia, the bronze-orange bug (*Musgraveia sulciventris*) can be a major pest of citrus trees, particularly grapefruit. In heavy infestations it can cause flower and fruit drop and general tree stress.

European brown snails (*Cornu aspersum*) can be a problem in California, though laying female <u>Khaki</u> Campbell and other mallard-related ducks can be used for control.

Deficiency diseases

Citrus plants can also develop a deficiency condition called <u>chlorosis</u>, characterized by yellowing leaves <u>[43]</u> highlighted by contrasting <u>leaf veins</u>. The shriveling leaves eventually fall, and if the plant loses too many, it will slowly die. This condition is often caused by an excessively high <u>pH</u> (<u>alkaline soil</u>), which prevents the plant from absorbing <u>iron</u>, <u>magnesium</u>, <u>zinc</u>, or other nutrients it needs to produce <u>chlorophyll</u>. This condition can be cured by adding an appropriate acidic fertilizer formulated for citrus, which can sometimes revive a plant to produce new leaves and even flower buds within a few weeks under optimum conditions. A soil which is too acidic can also cause problems; citrus prefers neutral soil (pH between 6 and 8). Citrus plants are also sensitive to excessive <u>salt</u> in the soil. <u>Soil testing</u> may be necessary to properly diagnose nutrient-deficiency diseases. <u>[44]</u>

Uses

Culinary

Many citrus fruits, such as oranges, tangerines, grapefruits, and clementines, are generally eaten fresh. [26] They are typically peeled and can be easily split into segments. [26] Grapefruit is more commonly halved and eaten out of the skin with a spoon. [45] Special spoons (grapefruit spoons) with serrated tips are designed for this purpose. Orange and grapefruit juices are also popular breakfast beverages. More acidic citrus, such as lemons and limes, are generally not eaten on their own. Meyer lemons can be eaten out of hand with the fragrant skin; they are both sweet and sour. Lemonade or limeade are popular beverages prepared by diluting the juices of these fruits and adding sugar. Lemons and limes are also used in cooked dishes, or sliced and used as garnishes. Their juice is used as an ingredient in a variety of dishes; it can commonly be found in salad dressings and squeezed over cooked fish, meat, or vegetables.

A variety of flavours can be derived from different parts and treatments of citrus fruits. The <u>rind</u> and <u>oil</u> of the fruit is generally bitter, especially when cooked, so is often combined with sugar. The <u>fruit pulp</u> can vary from sweet to extremely sour. <u>Marmalade</u>, a condiment derived from cooked orange and lemon, can be especially bitter, but is usually sweetened to cut the bitterness and produce a jam-like result. Lemon or lime is commonly used as a <u>garnish</u> for water, soft drinks, or cocktails. Citrus juices, rinds, or slices are used in a variety of mixed drinks. The colourful outer skin of some citrus fruits, known as <u>zest</u>, is used as a flavouring in cooking; the white inner portion of the peel, the pith, is usually avoided due to its bitterness. The zest of a citrus fruit, typically lemon or an orange, can also be soaked in water in a coffee filter, and drunk.





Wedges of pink grapefruit, lime, and lemon, and a half orange (clockwise from top)

<u>Calamansi</u>, a ubiquitous part of traditional <u>dipping sauces and condiments</u> in <u>Philippine</u> cuisine





Citrus aurantifolia in Kerala

Ripe <u>bitter oranges</u> (*Citrus* × *aurantium*) from Asprovalta

Phytochemicals and research

Some *Citrus* species contain significant amounts of the phytochemical class called <u>furanocoumarins</u>, a diverse family of naturally occurring organic chemical compounds. [46][47] In humans, some (not all) of these chemical compounds act as strong <u>photosensitizers</u> when applied topically to the skin, while other furanocoumarins interact with medications when taken orally. The latter is called the "grapefruit juice effect", a common name for a related group of grapefruit-drug interactions. [46]

Due to the photosensitizing effects of certain furanocoumarins, some Citrus species are known to cause phytophotodermatitis, a potentially severe skin inflammation resulting from contact with a light-sensitizing botanical agent followed by exposure to <u>ultraviolet</u> light. In Citrus species, the primary photosensitizing agent appears to be <u>bergapten</u>, a linear furanocoumarin derived from <u>psoralen</u>. This claim has been confirmed for $lime^{[50][51]}$ and <u>bergamot</u>. In particular, <u>bergamot essential oil</u> has a higher concentration of bergapten (3000–3600 mg/kg) than any other Citrus-based essential oil.

In general, three *Citrus* ancestral species (pomelos, citrons, and papedas) synthesize relatively high quantities of furanocoumarins, whereas a fourth ancestral species (mandarins) is practically devoid of these compounds. Since the production of furanocoumarins in plants is believed to be heritable, the descendants of mandarins (such as sweet oranges, tangerines, and other small mandarin hybrids) are expected to have low quantities of furanocoumarins, whereas other hybrids (such as limes, grapefruit, and sour oranges) are expected to have relatively high quantities of these compounds.

In most *Citrus* species, the peel contains a greater diversity and a higher concentration of furanocoumarins than the pulp of the same fruit. [50][51][49] An exception is <u>bergamottin</u>, a furanocoumarin implicated in grapefruit-drug interactions, which is more concentrated in the pulp of certain varieties of pomelo, grapefruit, and sour orange.

One review of preliminary research on diets indicated that consuming citrus fruits was associated with a 10% reduction of risk for developing breast cancer. [53]

List of citrus fruits

The genus *Citrus* has been suggested to originate in the eastern Himalayan foothills. Prior to human cultivation, it consisted of just a few species, though the status of some as distinct species has yet to be confirmed:

- <u>Citrus crenatifolia</u> species name is unresolved, from <u>Sri</u> Lanka
- <u>Citrus japonica</u> kumquats, from East Asia ranging into Southeast Asia (sometimes separated into four-five Fortunella species)
- <u>Citrus mangshanensis</u> species name is unresolved, from Hunan Province, China
- <u>Citrus maxima</u> pomelo (pummelo, shaddock), from the Island Southeast Asia
- Citrus medica citron, from India
- Citrus platymamma byeonggyul, from Jeju Island, Korea
- Citrus reticulata mandarin orange, from China
- Citrus trifoliata trifoliate orange, from Korea and adjacent China (often separated as Poncirus)
- Australian limes
 - Citrus australasica Australian finger lime
 - Citrus australis Australian round lime
 - Citrus glauca Australian desert lime
 - Citrus garrawayi Mount White lime
 - Citrus gracilis Kakadu lime or Humpty Doo lime
 - Citrus inodora Russel River lime
 - Citrus maideniana Maiden's Australian lime
 - Citrus warburgiana New Guinea wild lime
 - Citrus wintersii Brown River finger lime
- Papedas, including
 - Citrus halimii limau kadangsa, limau kedut kera, from Thailand and Malaya



Grapefruit



<u>Citrons</u> (*Citrus medica*) for sale in Germany

- Citrus hystrix Kaffir lime, makrut, from Mainland Southeast Asia to Island Southeast Asia
- Citrus cavaleriei Ichang papeda from southern China
- Citrus celebica Celebes papeda
- <u>Citrus indica</u> <u>Indian wild orange</u>, from the <u>Indian</u> subcontinent^[54]
- Citrus latipes Khasi papeda, from Assam, Meghalaya, Burma^[54]
- Citrus longispina Megacarpa papeda, winged lime, blacktwig lime
- Citrus macrophylla Alemow
- <u>Citrus macroptera</u> Melanesian papeda from Indochina to Melanesia^[54]
- <u>Citrus micrantha</u>, Citrus westeri biasong or samuyao from the southern Philippines^[55]
- Citrus webberi Kalpi, Malayan lemon



Red <u>finger Lime</u> (*Citrus australasica*), a rare delicacy from Australia

Hybrids and cultivars

Sorted by parentage. As each hybrid is the product of (at least) two parent species, they are listed multiple times.

Citrus maxima-based

- Amanatsu, natsumikan Citrus ×natsudaidai (C. maxima × unknown)
- Cam sành (C. reticulata × C. ×sinensis)
- Dangyuja (Citrus grandis Osbeck)
- Grapefruit Citrus ×paradisi (C. maxima × C. ×sinensis)
- Haruka Citrus tamurana x natsudaidai
- Hassaku orange (Citrus hassaku)
- Ichang lemon (Citrus wilsonii)
- Imperial lemon (*C.* ×*limon* × *C.* ×*paradisi*)
- Kawachi Bankan (Citrus kawachiensis)
- Kinnow (C. ×nobilis × C. ×deliciosa)
- Kiyomi (C. ×sinensis × C. ×unshiu)
- Minneola tangelo (*C. reticulata* × *C.* × *paradisi*)
- Orangelo, Chironja (*C.* ×*paradisi* × *C.* ×*sinensis*)
- Oroblanco, Sweetie (*C. maxima* × *C.* ×paradisi)
- <u>Sweet orange</u> *Citrus* ×*sinensis* (probably *C. maxima* × *C. reticulata*)
- <u>Tangelo</u> Citrus ×tangelo (C. reticulata × C. maxima or C. ×paradisi)
- Tangor Citrus ×nobilis (C. reticulata × C. ×sinensis)
- Ugli (C. reticulata × C. maxima or C. ×paradisi)



Sweetie or <u>oroblanco</u> is a pomelograpefruit hybrid.



The etrog, or citron, is central to the ritual of the Jewish Sukkot festival. Many varieties are used for this purpose (including the Yemenite variety pictured).

Citrus medica-based

- Alemow, Colo Citrus ×macrophylla (C. medica × C. micrantha)
- Buddha's hand Citrus medica var. sarcodactylus, a fingered citron.
- <u>Citron</u> varieties with sour <u>pulp</u> <u>Diamante citron</u>,
 Florentine citron, Greek citron and Balady citron
- Citron varieties with sweet pulp <u>Corsican citron</u> and Moroccan citron.
- <u>Etrog</u>, a group of citron cultivars that are traditionally used for a Jewish ritual. *Etrog* is Hebrew for citron in general.
- <u>Fernandina</u> *Citrus* ×*limonimedica* (probably (*C. medica* × *C. maxima*) × *C. medica*)
- Ponderosa lemon (probably (C. medica × C. maxima) × C. medica)
- Lemon Citrus ×limon (C. medica × C. ×aurantium)
- Key lime, Mexican lime, Omani lime Citrus ×aurantiifolia (C. medica × C. micrantha)
- Persian lime, Tahiti lime C. ×latifolia (C. ×aurantiifolia × C. ×limon)
- <u>Limetta</u>, Sweet Lemon, Sweet Lime, mosambi *Citrus ×limetta* (*C. medica* × *C. ×aurantium*)
- <u>Lumia</u> several distinct pear shaped lemon-like hybrids
- Pompia Citrus medica tuberosa Risso & Poiteau, 1818 (C. medica × C. ×aurantium), native to <u>Sardinia</u>, genetically synonymous with Rhobs el Arsa.
- Rhobs el Arsa 'bread of the garden', *C. medica* × *C.* ×aurantium, from Morocco.
- Yemenite citron a pulpless true citron.

Citrus reticulata-based

- Bergamot orange Citrus ×bergamia (C. ×limon × C. ×aurantium)
- <u>Bitter orange</u>, Seville Orange *Citrus ×aurantium (C. maxima × C. reticulata*)
- Blood orange *Citrus* ×*sinensis* cultivars
- Calamansi, Calamondin (*Citrus reticulata* × *Citrus japonica*)
- Cam sành (C. reticulata × C. ×sinensis)
- Chinotto Citrus ×aurantium var. myrtifolia or Citrus ×myrtifolia
- ChungGyun Citrus reticulata cultivar
- Clementine Citrus ×clementina
- Cleopatra Mandarin Citrus ×reshni
- Siranui *Citrus reticulata* cv. 'Dekopon' (ChungGyun × Ponkan)
- Daidai Citrus ×aurantium var. daidai or Citrus ×daidai
- Encore ((Citrus reticulata x sinensis) x C. deliciosa)
- Grapefruit Citrus ×paradisi (C. maxima × C. ×sinensis)
- Hermandina Citrus reticulata cv. 'Hermandina'
- Imperial lemon ((C. maxima × C. medica) × C. ×paradisi)
- Iyokan, anadomikan Citrus ×iyo



<u>Clementines</u> (*Citrus* ×*clementina*) have thinner skins than oranges.



Mikan (Citrus ×unshiu), also known as satsumas



Sweet oranges (*Citrus* × *sinensis*) are used in many foods. Their ancestors were pomelos and mandarin oranges.

- Jabara (Citrus jabara)
- Kanpei (Citrus reticulata 'Kanpei')
- Kinkoji unshiu (Citrus obovoidea x unshiu)
- Kinnow, Wilking (C. ×nobilis × C. ×deliciosa)
- Kishumikan (Citrus kinokuni)
- Kiyomi (C. sinensis × C. ×unshiu)
- Kobayashi mikan (Citrus natsudaidai x unshiu)
- Koji orange (Citrus leiocarpa)
- Kuchinotsu No.37 ('Kiyomi' x 'Encore')
- Laraha "C. ×aurantium ssp. currassuviencis
- Mediterranean mandarin, Willow Leaf Citrus ×deliciosa
- Meyer lemon, Valley Lemon Citrus ×meyeri (C. medica × C. ×sinensis)
- Michal mandarin Citrus reticulata cv. 'Michal'
- Mikan, Satsuma Citrus ×unshiu
- Murcott (C. reticulata x sinensis)
- Naartjie (C. reticulata × C. nobilis)
- Nova mandarin, Clemenvilla
- Orangelo, Chironja (*C.* ×*paradisi* × *C.* ×*sinensis*)
- Oroblanco, Sweetie (*C. maxima* × *C.* ×paradisi)
- Palestine sweet lime Citrus ×limettioides <u>Tanaka</u> (C. medica × C. ×sinensis)
- Ponkan Citrus reticulata cv. 'Ponkan'
- Rangpur, Lemanderin, Mandarin Lime Citrus ×limonia
 (C. reticulata × C. medica)
- Reikou (Kuchinotsu No.37 x 'Murcott')
- Rough lemon Citrus ×jambhiri Lush. (C. reticulata × C. medica)
- Sanbokan Citrus sulcata
- Setoka (Kuchinotsu No.37 x 'Murcott')
- Shekwasha, Hirami Lemon, Taiwan Tangerine Citrus ×depressa
- Sunki, Suenkat Citrus sunki or C. reticulata var. sunki
- Sweet orange Citrus ×sinensis (C. maxima × C. reticulata)
- Tachibana orange Citrus tachibana (Mak.) Tanaka or C. reticulata var. tachibana
- Tangelo Citrus ×tangelo (C. reticulata × C. maxima or C. ×paradisi)
- Tangerine Citrus ×tangerina
- Tangor Citrus ×nobilis (C. reticulata × C. ×sinensis)
- Ugli (C. reticulata × C. maxima or C. ×paradisi)
- Volkamer lemon Citrus ×volkameriana (C. reticulata × C. medica)
- Yukou (Citrus yuko)
- Yuzu Citrus ×junos (C. reticulata × C. ×cavaleriei)

Other/Unresolved

- <u>Djeruk limau</u> *Citrus ×amblycarpa*
- Gajanimma, Carabao Lime Citrus ×pennivesiculata



Cross-section of Odichukuthi lime



Odichukuthi fruit



A pompia fruit

- Hyuganatsu, Hyuganatsu pumelo *Citrus tamurana*
- Ichang lemon (*C. cavaleriei* × *C. maxima*)
- Kabosu Citrus ×sphaerocarpa
- Odichukuthi Citrus Odichukuthi from Malayalam
- Ougonkan Citrus flaviculpus hort ex. Tanaka
- Sakurajima komikan orange
- Shonan gold (Ougonkan) Citrus flaviculpus hort ex. Tanaka × (Imamura unshiu), Citrus unshiu Marc
- Sudachi *Citrus* ×*sudachi*

For hybrids with kumquats, see citrofortunella. For hybrids with the trifoliate orange, see citrange.

See also

- Citrus taxonomy
- Japanese citrus
- List of lemon dishes and beverages

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