

# Nectarine tree

*Prunus persica* var. *nucipersica*

## QUICK FACTS

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USDA ZONES

**5–9**

SUNLIGHT

**Full Sun**

## AT A GLANCE

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Nectarines are managed exactly like peaches -- open-center pruning, heavy fruit thinning, dormant spray, brown rot program, borer vigilance. Their thinner skin makes brown rot more severe in humid conditions. Choose disease-tolerant varieties if you're in zones 5-7 east of the Rockies.

## PLANTING CHECKLIST

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- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

## FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/nectarine-tree-care/>