

American vs Asian persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4-10

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

15-30 ft

ORIGIN

North American native

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

American persimmon is one of the most reliable, low-maintenance fruit trees for zones 4-9 east of the Rockies. Asian persimmon produces excellent fruit in zones 7-10. The key distinction with both is astringency: astringent types must be fully ripe to eat; non-astringent types can be eaten crisp. Do not confuse the two.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- 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/persimmon-tree-care/>

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