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Japanese Raisin Tree

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“The Japanese raisin tree has always been a second-class citizen in my garden,” begins Don Winterstein. He explains that the tree’s edible produce is not raisins, but stems whose texture and flavor are remarkably raisin-like, and way better than the essentially inedible fruit at the end of each one. However, you can’t simply pick these and eat them by the handful like raisins. Consumption must be more selective if you wish to avoid a mouthful of wood.

The Story of the Apple

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Agnes Philpot, the mysterious Exotic Fruit Lady thought about this article for a long time, and researched it even longer. It has been a labor of love spanning several years, and Agnes sincerely hopes that it will be of more than passing interest to readers of the *Fruit Gardener*.

Historic Fruit Trees of Coloma

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Last year in early October Marta Matvienko and her husband Alex enjoyed a day hike with friends at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in Coloma. This popular destination attracts people interested in California Gold Rush history. They hiked up trails. They hiked down others. Eventually Marta spotted three old Asian persimmon trees with unripe fruit. Disappointment. Then there were old apples. Some were ripe, some not. An old pear tree had nice fruit. Later that month another visit yielded more ripe apples and persimmons.

Tasting Apples in October

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Freddy Menge says that members of the Monterey Bay Chapter have natural bragging rights. They are blessed with an excellent climate for growing apples. Their cool, coastal summers, extra-long growing season and a just-right microclimate allow them to produce nearly any apple variety worth cultivating. But rather than brag, they simply celebrate their good fortune. For example, at their annual apple tasting in late autumn at Wilder Ranch State Park, an event whose timing and location have consistently proven to be perfect.

About Seedling Fruit Trees

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A brief on the surprise that can come from a seedling, by Rolf Dethlefsen and Connie Lee.

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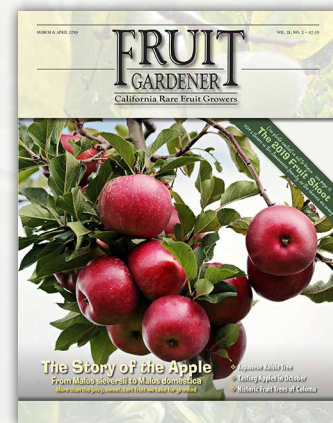
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Sure, images of apples are somewhat common. But this image is uncommon; looking at these apples conjures up that first crisp, sweet bite...

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