

VARIETY **Albemarle Pippin**

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type **apple**

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand **8**

Description

For the connoisseur who prizes a rich, complex flavor and firm, crisp, juicy texture, this apple has few peers. It is difficult to find today, but when well-grown, remains one of the world's finest apples. It's unique distinctive taste combined with great keeping qualities made it the most prized of American dessert apples from the early 18th century. As a gesture of appreciation, Parliament permitted the Virginia apple to enter Britain duty-free, and the Albemarle Pippin became an important export, commanding premium prices in the English market.

Tree ID: **Albemarle Pippin**



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Malus domestica

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VARIETY **Baldwin**

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type **apple**

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand **28**

Description

Also called Butters Apple or Woodpecker. Discovered on the Butters Farm by a surveyor planning the Middlesex Canal and noted as a favorite site for local woodpeckers. By 1850 Baldwin was the standard all-purpose home and commercial variety wherever it was grown. It remained dominant in Maine until the terrible winter of 1934 when tens of thousands of trees perished and McIntosh became king. Large round-conic thick-skinned fruit, almost entirely blushed, mottled and striped with red and deep carmine. Hard crisp juicy yellowish flesh makes excellent eating and cooking. Keeps till spring. Makes top-quality hard cider, blended or alone.



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Out on a Limb Heritage Apple CSA

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VARIETY Ben Davis

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 10

Description

Large, handsome, red and red-striped fruit. Dense, white flesh. Bruise resistant. Exceptional keeper that tastes better with age. One of the most popular apples to ship to far away markets before refrigeration came along. Our fruit-growing pioneers were proud of how the Colorado sun and climate can grow some of the prettiest, finest colored winter apples anywhere.



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VARIETY **Black Ben Davis**Historically Grown in Colorado yes noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **11**

Description

For years, some have speculated Black Ben Davis and Gano to be the same apple. MORP collected our scion from a tree called Black Ben in Paul Telck's orchard in Canyon City where we found the Colorado Orange. We have yet to see apples on this tree. Interestingly, recent DNA testing lumped all varieties of leaf samples MORP collected from trees thought to be Ben Davis, Black Ben, and Gano, all as Ben Davis. DNA will not differentiate strains of apples so the question remains if these 3 varieties are one and the same or strains of each other.



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VARIETY **Blue Pearmain**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **15**

Description

The Blue Pearmain was first recognized around Boston in early 19th century. A unique bluish bloom over dark purplish skin makes these apples glow like plums against the tree's foliage. The raised russetting resembles tiny daggers linked with a fine mesh. Crisp, tender, fine-grained flesh with rich and mildly tart flavor. Orchardists describe the Blue Pearmain as "heavy in hand" (dense) referring to the noticeably higher specific gravity. A longtime favorite cider variety.



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Growing with Plants

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VARIETY **Bramley**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **13**

Description

One of the very best English cooking apples that breaks down into the perfect, smooth sauce. Good fresh if you like tart, and makes good cider too. This huge apple is juicy, sharply acidic, with a strong and distinctive apple flavor high in vitamin C. Large vigorous tree blooms late.

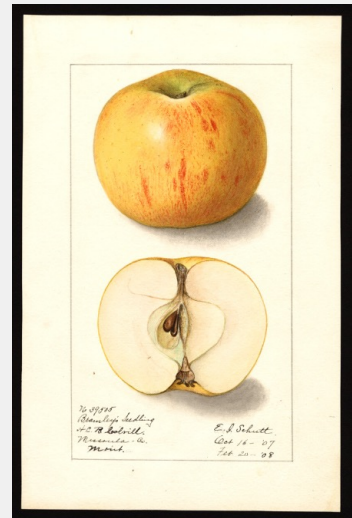


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VARIETY Calville Blanc d'Hiver

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 6

Description

The Calville Blanc is the gourmet culinary apple of France, excellent for tarts. Uniquely shaped medium to large size fruit, yellow skin with light red flush. Flesh is tender, sweet, spicy, flavorful, with a banana-like aroma more vitamin C than an orange.



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VARIETY **Campfield**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **4**

Description

Originated in New Jersey in 1817; recommended early on as a good American cider apple; often mixed with Harrison Crab to make the perfect blend This rich, sweet apple with white, firm flesh is also good fresh and keeps through the winter. Medium to large fruit is yellow blushed and striped with red. A good, rare variety to grow in Colorado for cider lovers and heritage fruit connoisseurs, alike.



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Tooley's Trees, Truchas New Mexico

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VARIETY **Chenango Strawberry**Historically Grown in Colorado yes noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **8**

Description

A very beautiful summer apple originating in New York around 1850; and frequently found on 100 year old trees in Colorado. Excellent for both fresh eating and cooking. The fruit should be picked when the skin begins to develop a milky appearance; ripens over a 2-3 week period. Medium sized fruit is quite elongated in appearance with smooth yellowish-white skin nearly covered with stripes of red and crimson. Tender white flesh is juicy, aromatic and highly flavored.



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VARIETY Claygate Pearmain

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 5

Description

Fruit has a rich, nutty flavor with a good balance of sugars and acids; tender, juicy. A perfect hand-sized snack right off the tree.



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VARIETY **Coffey Seedling**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **1**

Description

Thought to be a seedling from a limbertwig type apple, and possibly the same apple as Dula Beauty. Crisp, juicy flesh. Excellent keeper. Endangered apple.



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Big Horse Creek
photo of Dula Beauty

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VARIETY **Colorado Orange**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 10

Description

Rediscovered by Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project as a single tree growing in Canon City, Colorado in 2012. An apple of Colorado origin that was known even outside our state in the early 1900's. Prized even then for its great eating, hardy, and keeping qualities this apple nearly became extinct only because it is not a shiny, red apple. Rather it is a yellow apple with an orange-ish, red blush; firm, crisp, juicy, a fine subacid flavor. An excellent keeper; great fresh; most likely makes a fine cider like so many winter apples do. We believe this apple has a promising future in Colorado and beyond.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2014/09/10/347386837/colorado-orange-helps-seed-states-new-fruit-economy>

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rootstock**Colorado Orange Apple, photo 3****Found in Paul Telck Orchard, Canon City, CO**

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VARIETY Deacon Jones

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type appleMORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 4

Description

Originated in Pennsylvania about 1892. Very large, yellow apple with red splashes. The skin is matte rather than glossy and the fruit has a staid beauty. The flesh is yellow, firm and juicy with a mild flavor. Good keeper for fresh eating and possibly cider. A fine choice for Colorado, rare apple collectors.



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VARIETY **Early Joe**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **5**

Description

Early Joe is an early ripener that's going to surprise you with its rich flavor, rare among early apples. Tastes pear-like. It is said that a random-planted apple seed faces odds of about 10,000 to one against the resulting tree being a desirable new apple variety. The other 9,999 are likely to be scrawny, bitter, mouth-puckeringly sour little things good for cider but definitely not for fresh eating. Our local fencelines defy these odds as does *Early Joe*... born in the seedling "Chapin Orchard" of New York which produced two other great seedling varieties: Northern Spy & Melon.



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VARIETY Early Strawberry,

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 1

Description

When picked off a Montezuma County tree at just the right time you will likely take a seat and fully focus on every moment as you eat this attractive, tender, melting, and aromatic apple. Just like most summer apples, if you wait too long to pick, it will turn mealy. This apple is found in our area's oldest orchards.



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VARIETY Egremont Russet

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 13

Description

The definitive English russet apple, with the characteristic sweet/tart/dry "nutty" flavor. Part of its enduring success is down to niche marketing. This is an apple that dares to be different ! It is a russet-skinned variety with a dry flesh - a style of apple that has not attracted the attentions of mainstream apple breeders, but nevertheless seems to have a dedicated following. Also, in spite of its unique appearance, Egremont Russet has many of the characteristics which mark out a good apple: a harmony of flavor and texture, and a good balance between sweetness and sharpness.



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Yalca Fruit Trees

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VARIETY **Gano**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **1**

Description

Local old-timers like the late Sam Dunning knew their Gano apples. They never used the name Black Ben Davis or Ben Davis to describe them. Interestingly, recent DNA testing lumped all varieties of leaf samples MORP collected from trees thought to be these three varieties, all as Ben Davis. DNA will not differentiate strains of apples so it is possible that Gano and/or Black Ben are strains of Ben Davis. For years, some have speculated Black Ben and Gano to be the same apple. What-ever-the-case this apple is a great keeper with balanced flavor; improves in storage.



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VARIETY Golden Russet

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 2

Description

Recently home gardens and small orchards in Colorado and elsewhere have renewed interest in the Golden Russet for its distinctive appearance and intense flavor. The "champagne" of old-time cider apples, also delicious for eating and drying. Grey-green to golden bronze with a coppery orange cheek; heavily splotched with light brown russet. Crisp, highly flavored, fine-textured, yellow flesh makes very sugary juice. They are high in both sugar, acid and tannins, which make them a good pair with almost any apple for eating, cooking or cider. Discovered in New York State circa 1800 to 1849 from a seedling of an English russet cultivar apple.



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other rootstock

VARIETY Grimes Golden

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 2

Description

Grimes Golden was found at a cider mill and nursery established by John Chapman back in the early 1800's. Rich, spicy, tangy, sweet flavor that's crisp and sharp. Simply unforgettable in a simple light yellow flesh. More complex flavor than its offspring Golden Delicious. Direct marketers seek out this fruit due to its superior dessert quality. Found in our old orchards. Excellent pollinator.



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Malus domestica 2

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other
rootstock

VARIETY King of the Pippins

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 15

Description

An apple of English origin formerly known as Golden Winter Pearmain but introduced into Brompton, England around 1800 as King of the Pippins. A wonderful apple, small in size but full of flavor. It is said to have an almond-like or nutty taste. It is noted for its fine cider qualities., and is good dried. The creamy white flesh is fine-grained and juicy with a pleasant vinous flavor. Ripens late fall. May be the same apple as Reine des Reinettes



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VARIETY **Kingston Black**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **2**

Description

One of a very few single varieties used for high-quality cider making. Classed a bittersharp, this apple is an irregularly shaped medium-sized fruit about 2 inches high and 2 1/2 inches wide. The skin is a dark mahogany over an orange background, and the juice is a tawny red. It is moderately sweet, with a strong astringent aftertaste. Contains 14.75% sugar that will ferment to 7% alcohol. Good for fresh eating too.



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Poverty Lane Orchards

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VARIETY **MacIntosh, old fashioned**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **1**

Description

Everyone should get to experience eating an old fashioned Mac straight off the tree. Wipe off the dusty bloom and the skin turns glossy red. Take a bite and the skin "pops" sinking your teeth into juicy, tender, melting, white flesh with a unique spicy, aromatic flavor.



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VARIETY Muscadet de Dieppe

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 1

Description

Muscadet de Dieppe is a bittersweet cider apple that's highly-thought of among French cider fans. We know even less about old cider apples than the ancient varieties of fresh-eating and cooking apples. For example, this apple is really only known to have been widely grown in Normandy, France, as far back as 1750. Beyond that, all we can say is that it's a favored variety in a region that's consistently produced fine cider, not the mass-produced sickly-sweet beverage that is beginning to fall out of favor the US.



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VARIETY **Noland's Winter Honey,**

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered
 rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 1

Description

Excellent quality seedlings abound in Montezuma County's remnant orchards and historic fence lines. MORP takes seriously any recommendation of a seedling worthy of a name that is introduced to us by Monica Noland - who shares our passion for our heritage apples, local history, legend, and lore. Noland's Winter Honey apple and her Apple Cottage Cookbook are rare gifts truly worthy having copies of. [#FruitExplorers](#)



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VARIETY Orleans Reinette

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 10

Description

Classic old French apple best known for its fresh-eating quality, plus for providing a sweet baked apple. Famed English nurseryman George Bunyard listed Orleans Reinette as one of the top six apples.

The firm, dry flesh is sweet, nutty and aromatic.



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other rootstock

VARIETY Pitmaston Pineapple

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type appleMORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 13

Description

An old English, very distinctive dessert variety producing small golden apples that are honey sweet and nutty, yet also sharp and some say a distinct hint of pineapple. It might taste a bit like a pineapple if you close your eyes and believe, but most likely the name refers to it's warm yellow color and shape. Pitmaston Pineapple belongs to a class of old russeted English dessert apples neglected in the past because of its smaller size. A good variety to showcase in Colorado orchards. Great for cider too!



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Bob Embleton, Pitmaston Pineapple for SO7541

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VARIETY **Smith Cider**Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type **apple**MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellietotal quantity on hand **1**

Description

DNA testing showed grafts from these trees to be Smith Cider; one of the trees matching this test result came from an orchard where the old-timer called it a Richard's Graft. MORP's observation is this apple (shown in photo) ripens in the summer, however, descriptions of Smith Cider have it as a late fall or winter apple ripening late season. We will continue to observe this apple to better understand its season of ripening. Plant one in your orchard and share what you learn with us.



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VARIETY Summer Rambo,

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 2

Description

Often grown in early Montezuma County orchards where it won awards at our local fair. A huge summer apple, great for eating fresh and turning into sauce. Breaking, crisp, juicy, aromatic flesh. Grafted from a 100 plus year old tree waiting DNA test results.



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VARIETY Summer Snow

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 1

Description

This tree was grafted from a 100+ year old tree growing at the historic Gold Medal Orchard in McElmo Canyon. Ms Vivienne Kenyon who lives there, and grew up there, has always known it as Summer Snow. There is no other record of an apple by this name, but DNA testing matched it to another unknown apple in Webber Canyon, Mancos.

Ripens early August; when perfectly ripe: crisp, exploding-ly juicy, yellow flesh full of flavor - very sweet and very tart, perfect balance with another "spicy" taste to add even more character to this great little apple. The flesh does have a grainy type texture similar to eating an uncooked potato; and when under ripe the skin adds a rather vegetal taste like eating a tomatillo or green tomato. These traits do not take away from the qualities of this



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VARIETY Taylor's

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 2

Description

Sweet to mild bittersweet type cider apple. Greenish-yellow skin with red flush. Originated in Somerset, England. Excellent for cider and drying, also a good dessert and baking apple. An old English cider apple which can also be used as a cooking apple. Endangered apple.



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Hocking Hills Cabins

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VARIETY Thunderbolt

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 6

Description

Thunderbolt AKA Hoover - a large, beautiful dark-red apple with white speckles and firm, briskly acidic flesh - a favorite of our fruit-growing pioneer Jasper Hall AKA Fruit Wizard of Montezuma County. Pick and store this apple after a good frost to enjoy all winter as its flavor only gets better with time.

Tree ID: Thunderbolt



Hover Orchard, Cortez, CO

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VARIETY Tom Putt

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 19

Description

Rare, old English culinary and cider apple, sometimes with a bitter flavor, but good for fresh eating too. Background color of greenish-yellow, over one-half striped red. Often, there are red blotches on the surface. It has an irregular shape and the tree is vigorous and spreading; bears early, yielding full crops annually. When stored, it becomes greasy - so put to use soon after harvest. The white flesh is juicy, crisp and acid. Colorado cider makers and rare fruit collectors would be glad to get their hands on this hard-to-find apple.



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VARIETY Unknown, French

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 5

Description

Grafted from a local tree over 100 years old. Beautiful apple ripens in late fall. What really caught our attention about this apple is its crispness/juiciness AND attractive appearance both in apple and tree bark. Possibly a Winter Rambo? Leaf samples submitted for DNA testing.



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VARIETY Vilberie

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 9

Description

Vilberie is a traditional French hard-cider variety, producing a very tannic but sweet bittersweet juice.

The juice would normally be blended with juice from other varieties to produce a balanced cider.



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Real Cider Co., UK

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VARIETY White Winter Pearmain

Historically Grown in Colorado yes
 no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 4

Description

There is confusion about the history, and uncertainty on its American origin and distribution. It is speculated to be of eastern United States origin, and was recorded in 1849, but others claim it is an English apple that dates to 1200 A.D. Either way, this apple is commonly found in Colorado orchards on trees up to 125 years old. The fruit is medium in size, uniform in shape, and possesses light green skin, usually flushed pink on one side. The sweet and pleasantly aromatic flesh is firm, fine-grained and crisp; an excellent dessert apple. Vigorous, self-fertile variety that also serves as a great pollinator for other apple trees.



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Malus domestica 4

B9

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M26

M7

other
rootstock

VARIETY Winter Banana

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado noFruit Type MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 6

Description

One of the most widely planted apples in Colorado's early orchards; and it is still found in our historic orchards today. When we ask our old orchardists what their favorite apple is - a usual answer is, "Well, Winter Banana is about as good as any." This apple is beautiful from its fruit to the tree itself. Yellow fruit with a pretty pink blush; flesh is firm, tangy, juicy. Its flavor is mild, and when grown here in Colorado - the aromatic flavor of banana is detectable. Good fresh; flavor does not hold up when cooked; cider makers like it as a single blend. Excellent pollinator.



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VARIETY Wolf River, poss

Historically Grown yes
in Colorado no

Fruit Type apple

MORP Rediscovery yesSeason summer fall winterRarity common endangered
 rare lost/wantedFruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand 9

Description

Colorado old-timers know this huge, red apple by name, and remember their mothers coring it and baking it full of honey - enough to feed an entire family. Everything about the Wolf River is enormous from its apples to the tree itself; 100 plus year old trees still grow in Colorado. With its mild, sweet flavor and ability to hold its shape when cooked, it is indeed a wonderful pie apple but it really shines when baked whole or turned into apple butter. This tree was grafted from an old tree we call Kenyon About to Fall - it roots keeping it from falling to McElmo Creek.



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VARIETY **Yellow Bellflower**

Historically Grown in Colorado yes no

Fruit Type **apple**

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping cider drying baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand **1**

Description

The Yellow Bellflower apple tree is an old colonial fruit. A favorite for baked apples. This variety has fruit that's quite variable in size, with attractive lemon yellow color and pinkish-blush in sunny exposures. Flesh whitish, firm, fine-grained, rather tender, aromatic, quite acidic early in season. Usually picked on the tart side, then mellowed in storage for several months. Parent of the Red Delicious.



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VARIETY **Yellow Transparent**

Historically Grown in Colorado yes
 no

Fruit Type **apple**

MORP Rediscovery yes

Season summer fall winter

Rarity common endangered
 rare lost/wanted

Fruit Use fresh keeping
 cider drying
 baking/pie sauce/jellie

total quantity on hand **2**

Description

A cold hardy Russian variety that was brought to Colorado primarily for its summer ripening and good quality. Excellent for pie and sauce; eat fresh straight from tree. Ripens pale yellow often with a pink blush. A local favorite for generations.



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Malus domestica 2

B9

M111

M26

M7

other
rootstock