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| <b>Common name</b>  | Apple  |   |              |
| <b>Botanical name</b>   | <i>Malus domestica</i>   |   |              |
| <b>Summary:</b>   |  |   |              |
| Deciduous large tree that offers good ornamental summer sun protection and winter form, can be trained into any form to suit any back yard. A highly-cultivated genus in the Rosaceae family which includes Pears, Quinces and Stone fruit. Originating in central Asian from crab apple. Johnathon, Granny Smith, and Golden delicious are common in Melbourne backyards |  |   |              |
| <b>Likes</b>  |  | <b>Doesn't like</b>   |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full sun, protection from extreme afternoon summer heat</li> <li>• Animal manure (potassium/potash)</li> </ul>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm winter</li> </ul> |              |
| <b>Flowers in</b>   | Middle to late spring  | <b>Fruits in</b>  | January-June |
| <b>Care</b>   |  |   |              |
| Planting  | Bare rooted in winter  |   |              |
| Pollination/ self-fertile, requires another tree  | Most are self-fertile, Johnathon's pollinate mostly all. A few (gravenstein etc.) require a pollinator   |   |              |
| Pruning   | Responds well to most shapes and ideas. Thin fruitlets to avoid biennial fruiting and to promote size and quality. Apples fruit mostly on spurs with some eg: Granny Smith also fruiting on short two year old side growth |   |              |
| Disease and pest management   | Codling moth, (banding of trunk with insect tape, or honey traps), aphids, mites, possums and birds. Keep open to light and air movement.  |   |              |
| Moisture, how much and when   | During flowering and fruit set and as fruit ripen  |   |              |
| Feeding   | Autumn and spring  |   |              |
| Harvesting  | Late January to June, when easily removed with a gentle twist.   |   |              |

| What to do when  |       |  Prune |  Harvest |  Feed |  Pest / Disease |
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|  Summer | Dec   |   |   |  | •  |
|  | Jan   | •   | •   |  | •  |
|  | Feb   | •   | •   |  | •  |
|  Autumn | March | •   | •   | •  |  |
|  | April | •   | •   | •  |  |
|  | May   | •   | •   | •  |  |
|  Winter | Jun   | •   | •   |  |  |
|  | Jul   | •   |   |  |  |
|  | Aug   | •   |   |  |  |
|  Spring | Sep   |   |   | •  | •  |
|  | Oct   |   |   | •  | •  |
|  | Nov   |   |   | •  | •  |

*This is a rough guide only. Individual fruit tree care depends on the variety, the conditions in your garden and your personal preferences!*

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