



Fact Sheet

Common name	Quince		
Botanical name	<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> (<i>C. vulgaris</i>)		
Summary			
<p>A hardy deciduous shrubby small tree (4-7m) with ornamental quality in the Rosaceae Family. Originating in Western Asia before spreading into the Mediterranean and the Middle East. In ancient times, it was referred to as 'The Golden Apple' and is historically thought of as the 'forbidden fruit', from Adam and Eve fame. An ancient fruit which has declined in popularity over the centuries. Still grown and used by the Italian and Greek communities in southern Australia.</p>			
Likes		Doesn't like	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi neglect • Reasonably sunny position • Hardy to frost 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruising fruit • Wind 	
Flowers in	Late spring	Fruits in	Late summer/autumn
Care			
Planting	Bare rooted in winter		
Pollination/ self-fertile, requires another tree	Self-fertile		
Pruning	Winter-summer. Can be trained to espalier, low branching open vase, pyramid or spindle. If left unpruned becomes a tangled thicket with little fruit or foliage.		
Disease and pest management	Fungal Quince fleck, Bordeaux spray at bud birst. codling mot, light brown apple moth and oriental fruit moth		
Moisture, how much and when	During pollination/fruit set to harvest, not as thirst as apple.		
Feeding	Autumn and spring		
Harvesting	May – June with bright yellow skin and powerful characteristic aroma.		

What to do when		 Prune	 Harvest	 Feed	 Pest / Disease
 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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