

Suggested Orchard Varieties found to do well in Scotland

A Pool of Heritage Varieties and a Pool of Modern Varieties

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Apple Varieties								
Variety	First recorded	Heritage Local	Use	Fertility	Season	Scab/ disease resistant	Recommendation source	Comments from source
	Date	Modern						

Heritage Varieties

Arthur Turner	1912	H	C	part self fert			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	[CWH comments: does well in many of the Carse orchards]
Blenheim Orange	1740	H	d	triploid			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety
Bloody Ploughman	1883	H, L	d				Cox et al 2012	prone to scab in west. [CWH comments: interesting curiosity but not a great eater]
Bramley Seedling	1809	H	c	not pollinator			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	
Cambusnethan Pippin	1750	H, L	d				Cox et al 2012	excellent scab-free dessert apple according to David Storrie.
Charles Ross	1890	H	d/c				Cox et al 2012	stores well, dual purpose. good for juicing
Chivers Delight	1883	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Willie Duncan's choice for flavour and good storage
Coul Blush	1827	H	d				Cox et al 2012	Good performer in North.
Court pendu plat	1613	H					Andrew Lear	Found locally at Flatfield.
Devon Quarrenden	1678	H					Andrew Lear	Found locally at Flatfield.
East Lothian Pippin	1883	H	d/c				Cox et al 2012	ripe late august, poor storing.
Edward VII	1902	H	c				Bruce Bennett Pillars of Hercules	late flowering, prolific fruiter in Fife
Egremont Russet	1872	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	keeps well. Scab prone in west but good in east. John Butterworth (2012) says would not recommend this variety. Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems but some split in certain years.
Ellison's Orange	1904	H	d			scab resistant	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	cox-like fruit
Galloway Pippin	1871	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	
George Cave	1923	H					Andrew Lear	scab free and delicious
Golden Spire	1850	H					Andrew Lear	never fails
Grenadier	1862	H	c		early	good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	poor storing. good in west.
Hawthornden	1870	H, L	d			can be scaby	Cox et al 2012	Raised Edinburgh, yellow with red flushing
Hoods Supreme	1924	H	d				Cox et al 2012	raised Angus. Sweet but not much taste. John Butterworth (2012) says insipid to eat. Only good for appearance, and thus would not recommend it.
Howgate Wonder	1915	H	c			scab sometimes	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Scottish Gardenplant Award. Recommended by Butterworth, McColl. [CWH comments: Does well in several Carse orchards]
James Grieve	1893	H, L	d			scab sometimes	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	better in east.
Keswick Codling	1793	H	c	part self fert		good scab resist.	Cox et al 2012	very tough apple, good for exposed loc, ripens Aug. Andrew Lear (2012) says never fails.
Kidd's Orange Red	1924	H	d				Willie Duncan	Good in 2012
King of the Pippins	1800	H	d/c		early		Cox et al 2012	late flowering, common older var. in Scotland.
Lady of Wemyss	1831	H, L	c		late	canker?	Cox et al 2012	keeps shape well when cooked. stores well. Gerben de Vries (2012) says canker prone.
Lane's Prince Albert	1840	H	c			scab resistant	Cox et al 2012	holds together well when cooked
Lord Derby	1862	H	c			good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good disease resistance

Lord Rosebery	1934	H, L	d		prone to scab	Cox et al 2012	good tasting sweet apple. grows well at Fyvie Castle [CWH comments: Raised by Storrie at Glencarse]
Manks Codlin	1815	H				Andrew Lear	Found locally at Flatfield.
Millicent Barnes	1903	H	d			Willie Duncan	Good in 2012
Newton Wonder	1887	H				Andrew Lear	Does well at Port Allen
Norfolk Royal Russet	1826	H	d			Willie Duncan	Good in 2012
Oslin (syn. Arbroath Pippin)	anc. Fr <1815	H, L	d	early		Cox et al 2012	mixed opinion but on Carse good taste. Does not store.
Pitmaston Pineapple	1814	H	d			Cox et al 2012	slightly russeted, good sweet nutty flavour. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety.
Ribston Pippin	1707	H	d			Cox et al 2012	good taste, high Vit C. Thought to be parent of Cox's O.P., but does better here. Early flowering
Scotch Bridget	1851	H, L	c	early		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	large, fine flowers, ripens early.
Stirling Castle	1831	H, L	c	mid	prone to canker	Cox et al 2012	good cropper. great apple snow.
Stobo Castle	1900	H, L	c	early		Cox et al 2012	Introduced by David Storrie of Glencarse. Red flushing. Odd bad year.
Sunset	1918	H	d		fairly resistant	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet-sharp
Thorle Pippins	1831	H, L				Andrew Lear	Found locally at Megginch
Tower of Glamis (syn Carse of Gowrie)	<1800	H, L	c			Cox et al 2012	large heavy four sided apple grown in Clyde Valley and Carse of Gowrie.
Tydeman's Early Worcester	1929	H				Bruce Bennett Pillars of Hercules	does well in Fife
White Melrose	~1600	H, L	d			Cox et al 2012	Large. Use quickly or loses it flavour. Formerly commercial in Borders.
Worcester Pearmain	1874	H	d	early	mildew resist, scab sometimes	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet juicy fruit, best off the tree. Recommended by Butterworth, Duncan
Modern Varieties - post WW2							
Bolero	1976	M	d	early		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety
Bramley Clone 20			c			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	more fruit, less growth than Bramley. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety.
Charlotte	1975	M	c			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety
Discovery	1949	M	d		good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Scottish Gardenplant Award. Does well in north. All recommend it. Doesn't store well.
Falstaff	1966	M	d		prone to scab	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	not very hardy. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety. Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor harvest, requires a lot of sun.
Fiesta	1972	M	d			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Scottish Gardenplant Award. cox-like fruit, good in north, keeps well, can canker in some areas. Favourite of Jim McColl. Willie Duncan (2012) now says too variable to be good. John Butterworth (2012) says does not recommend this variety.
Greensleeves	1966	M	d	part self fert	can be scaby	Cox et al 2012	frost resistant flowers, but Willie Duncan says can be scaby in Fife.
Herefordshire Russet	1975	M	d			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	cox-like fruit. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety.
Jupiter	1966	M				Willie Duncan	good in 2012. Good substitute for Cox OP. Good keeper.
Katy	1947	M	d			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	skin thick, good in west. Andrew Lear (2012) suggests good for juicing.
Limelight	1985	M	d		good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	crisp, free cropping. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety.
Polka	1976	M	d	sept-oct		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety

Port Allen Russet	1958	M, L	d/c			Cox et al 2012	thought to come from Port Allen. brisk rich flavour.
Red Devil	1975	M	d		good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good flavour
Red Falstaff	1990s?	M	d			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	crisp juicy, good yield, frost resistant flowers, good storage. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety. Andrew Lear (2012) recommends it.
Red Windsor	?	M	d	early	good scab resist.	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	cox-like fruit
Scotch Dumpling	1949	M, L	d	early		Cox et al 2012	Post war Scottish apple. Large fruit. Fine pink flowers.
Scrumptious	?	M	d		scab prone in west	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	very good taste, frost hardy, fruit stays on tree. John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety.
Spartan	1926	M, L	d		scab prone in west	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	dark red sweet fruit. John Butterworth (2012) would not recommend this variety.
Waltz	1976	M	d	oct		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	John Butterworth (2012) says does not know about this variety
Winter Gem	1975	M	d		good scab resist ?	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good flavour, vigourous, needs good pollination, not heavy fruiter, so best on dwarf rootstock. John Butterworth (2012) says does not recommend this variety, and says that it is not scab resistant in his experience.

Pear Varieties									
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Beth	1938	H	d	self	early		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	juicy, sweet, compact tree. Heavy cropper from young age.	
Beure Hardy	1820	H	d	poor pollinator			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	tender sweet, juicy. vigorous. takes a few years to bear fruit Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiting in most years	
Bristol Cross	1920	H	d		mid		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good in west	
Chalk	?	H					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Conference	1885	H	d	self			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	perhaps best for Scotland as sets fruit even when frosted. good flavour, heavy cropper.	
Craig	1875	H, L					CWHayes survey	sweet small early pear, goes over quickly. Popular on the Carse. Raised in Perth as Craig's Favourite.	
Crawford	1875	H, L	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	ex Newburgh, Fife	
Cuisine Madame (syn for Jargonelle ?)	?	H					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Doyenne du Comice	1849	H	d	needs pollinator		scab prone	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	best flavour, but needs a warm sheltered site. Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiting in most years.	
Drummond	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Flower of Monorgan	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Goud Knapp (syn Golden Knap ?)	<1884	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie. Golden Knap is recorded in Hogg, hence assumed date. National Fruit Collection lists Goudnap as synonym of Grey Honey & various Port Allen.	
Gourdiehill	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Green Pear of Yair	<1884	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie. Recorded in Hogg. Ex Yair on the Tweed	
Grey Auchan	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Grey Benvie	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Grey Honey syn. Port Allen	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Hessle	?	H, L					Cox et al 2012	old cooking pear but not best tasting raw. tough tree. good scab resistance. [CWH comments: found in many orchards on the Carse. Hogg says orig ex Yorkshire]	
Jargonelle	<1629	H	d	triploid			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	one of best for west. [CWH comments: Hogg says v.popular in Perth]	
Longueville	ancient	H					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Louise Bonne of Jersey	1788	H	d		mid		Johanna Babbs	does well in Perth. Gerben de Vries (2012) good fruiter in most years. sweet fruit !	
Maggie	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Maggie Duncan	?	H, L					John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforgan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie	
Merton Pride	1941	H	d	triploid			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet juicy.	

Seckle	?	H, L			John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie
Seggieden	?	H, L			John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie
Sensation	1940	H	d		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	[CWH comments: commercially listed as a sport of Williams Bon C.]
Williams Bon Chretien	ancient	H	/bottle		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	juicy, good bottling, heavy cropper Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiting in most years.
Winter Christie	?	H, L			John Hulbert	in his collection at Longforan, grafts ex Threave, ex Invergowrie

Modern Varieties - post WW2

Concorde	1977	M	d	part self fert	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good flavour, heavy cropping. Recommended by Dunan and McColl. Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiting in most years.
Invincible	>1950	M	d	self	Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	not best flavour, but best for severe climates. can flower a second time if frosted. fruits from young age.

Plum, damson and gage Varieties

Variety	First recorded Date	Heritage Local Modern	Use	Fertility	Season	Scab/ disease resistant	Recommendation source	Comments from source
Czar	1874	H	c		early		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sharp flavour, tough, spring frost & shade resistant Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiting in most years.
Dennistoun's Superb (syn Imperial Gage)	1790	H					Cox et al 2012	hardier than the gages. resistant to canker Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems, good fruiter
Excalibur	1989	M	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	similar to Victoria, larger fruit
Haganta	?	M					Cox et al 2012	New variety from the Fatherland, stunning, purple skin, said to disease resistant (as yet unproven)
Haronma	?	M					Cox et al 2013	New variety from the Fatherland, stunning, purple skin, said to disease resistant (as yet unproven)
Herman	?	M					Cox et al 2012	Nick Dunn recommends. early fruiting excellent flavour.
Jubilee	1905	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	similar to Victoria but earlier
Marjorie's Seedling	1912	H	c/d		late		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet but not best taste. good cooker. vigorous Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems, good fruiter.
Opal	1925	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	tastes like Victoria, less susceptible to canker so recommended.
Victoria	1860	H	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	most popular, very susceptible to canker.
Damson								
Farleigh Damson	1820	H	c	self			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	most reliable fruiter in Scotland
Merryweather	1907	H	c				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	also good in cold exposed locations. Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems, good fruiter
Gages								
Cambridge	1978	M		self			Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Gages need good sunny spot to ripen prob best for Scotland, but Gerben de Vries (2012) says poor fruiter in most years.
Dennistons (same as D' Superb?)	?						Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	Green. Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems, good fruiter
Early Transparent	1866	H					Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	yellow, sweet
Oullins	1860	H			late		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	yellow. Gerben de Vries (2012) says no problems, good fruiter
Jefferson	1825	H					Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	yellow

Cherry Varieties

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Lapins	?	M	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet, dark red, good flavour, heavy cropping, seldom splits. Duncan's best choice for Scotland.
Morello	<1629	H	c				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	very hardy
Stella	>1950	M	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	
Summer Sun	>1950	M	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	good frost tolerance
Sunburst	>1950	M	d				Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	sweet black
Sweetheart	>1950	M	d		late		Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl	dark red, heavy fruiting

Crab Apple Varieties

Variety	First recorded Date	Heritage Local Modern	Use	Fertility	Season	Scab/ disease resistant	Recommendation source	Comments from source
Evereste	1980	M					Cox et al 2012	Not edible but often used for pollinator for apples
Harry Baker	?						Cox et al 2012	Ruby red, very good for jelly
Jelly King	?					Scab resistant	Cox et al 2012	White blossom, early fruit
John Downie	1870s	H				Prone to scab	Cox et al 2012	Orange and red fruit, most popular for jam.
Laura	?					Slightly scab prone	Cox et al 2012	Maroon fruit, good for jelly.

Nut Trees

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Hazel & Cob nuts

Cosford ? H Cox et al 2012

Walnut

Walnuts need a good summer to ripen, but can be pickled green.

Buccaneer ? self Cox et al 2012 Gerben de Vries (2012) says late producer, tree has to mature quite a bit.

Broadview ? self Cox et al 2012 Gerben de Vries (2012) says early producer.

Recommendation source in table above as follows:

Cox/Butterworth/Duncan/McColl is chapter titled 'Fruit' p143-148 in : Kenneth Cox, Raoul Curtis-Machin (2008), *Garden Plants for Scotland*, (London: Francis Lincoln). and has contributions from John Butterworth, Willie Duncan and Jim McColl.

Cox et al 2012 is chapter titled 'Tree or Stone Fruit' p82-117 in : Kenneth Cox and Caroline Beaton (2012), *Fruit and Vegetables for Scotland*, (Edinburgh: Birlinn). and has contributions from John Butterworth, Willie Duncan, George Anderson, Alec West and Harry Baker.

Key Criteria for inclusion in this list:

Success in the conditions on the Carse of Gowrie, and broadly the east of Scotland

The following literature sources have been used:

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The list also has contemporary comments and suggestions from the author, John Butterworth, Willie Duncan, Andrew Lear, Gerben de Vries and members of the Historic Orchards Forum; all which were given in September 2012.

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In respect of classifying the varieties as Heritage, Modern or Local, the following criteria have been chosen:

Heritage = first recorded or released in or before 1944

Modern = first recorded or released after 1944

Local = bred in or 'signature variety' of central Scotland or east of Scotland