

BEAA Permitted Rootstocks for Fruit Trees

Apples

Name of rootstock: *M27 (extremely dwarfing)*

Suitable for: Dwarf pyramids, spindlebush or stepovers, for small gardens where the soil is fertile

Start fruiting: After two years

Ultimate height as trained as bush: Plants reach 1.2-1.8m (4-6ft) x 1.5m (5ft)

Growing conditions: Good weed and grass free soil. Water plants during drought. Unsuitable on poor soil and for weak cultivars

Staking: Permanently

Spacing: 1.2-1.5 (4-5ft) apart with 1.8m (6ft) between rows

Name of rootstock: *M9 (dwarfing)*

Suitable for: Bush, pyramid, spindlebush, cordons; an excellent stock for small gardens

Start fruiting: After two or three years

Ultimate height as trained as bush: 1.8-2.4m (6-8ft) x 2.7m (9ft)

Growing conditions: Good weed and grass free soil. Water plants during drought

Staking: Permanently

Spacing: 2.4-3m (8-10ft) apart with 3.6m (12ft) between rows

Pears and quinces

Name of rootstock: Quince C (dwarfing)

Suitable for: Cordon, bush, central leader

Start fruiting: After four years

Ultimate height as trained as bush: 2.5-3m (6-10ft)

Growing conditions: Fertile, moisture retentive soil

Staking: Permanently

Spacing: 3m (6-10ft)

Plums, gages, damsons

Name of rootstock: Pixy (semi-dwarfing)

Suitable for: Cordon, dwarf bush

Start fruiting: Three or four years

Ultimate height as trained as bush: 3-4m (10-12ft)

Growing conditions: Good light, loamy soil

Staking: Permanently

Spacing: 4m (12ft)

Cherry

Name of rootstock: Gisela 5 or G5 (semi-dwarfing)

Suitable for: Bush, pyramid, fan

Start fruiting: Three or four years

Ultimate height as trained as bush: 2.4-3m (8-10ft)

Growing conditions: Fertile, loamy soil

Staking: Permanently

Spacing: 2.7m (9ft)