

Botanical Name: Citrus limon 'Eureka'

Common Name: Eureka lemon

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a mostly single-trunk plant, with low branching, forming a rather loose rounded canopy; branches green and shiny; if unpruned the plant develops a large, shrubby thicket growth

Height 10'-20' (25') Spread 3/4 - equal Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; can survive in shade but not produce

Soil a well-draining sandy loam is preferred

Hardiness some frost (zones 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, mostly elliptic-ovate or oblong; 2"-4" long; the petiole is not expanded; margins somewhat crenate

Flowers pinkish-white, 5 petaled, solitary or in clusters; mostly in spring

Fruit a hesperidium; yellow, oval, 3"-4" long when ripe

Propagation: budding or grafting of seedlings

Usage: although primarily used as a fruit tree, plant can be trained into an espalier or small accent tree for form, fruit and flowers; is a good container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering a regular deep soak is preferred for best fruit production; the plant can tolerate drought

Fertilizing 2-3 times annually with high-nitrogen fertilizer

Pruning head back leggy branches and periodically thin out

Pests/Diseases aphids, scale, spider mites, mealybug

Special Conditions

Origin: S.E. Asia Family: Rutaceae