

Botanical Name: Citrus grandis paradisi 'Marsh'

Common Name: Marsh Grapefruit

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunk tree, with ascending and spreading branches forming a dense oval to rounded canopy; similar in overall appearance to orange trees

Height 20-30' (40') Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun required; grows poorly in shade

Soil a well-draining loam is preferred; avoid wet adobe soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9,12,13,18-24); warm valley areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic-oval or ovate; 3-5" long, dark green; petiole distinctly winged; leaves longer, glossier than orange leaves

Flowers white, solitary or in axillary clusters; 1" long, fragrant; spring-summer

Fruit a hesperidium; globe-shaped, 4-6" diameter, yellow

Propagation: grafting

Usage: mostly used as a fruit tree; plant away from heavily irrigated lawn areas

Landscape Care:

Watering a regular deep soak; plant tolerates some drought but has better fruit production if irrigated frequently

Fertilizing 3 times annually (spring, early summer, fall); add iron, zinc

Pruning very little required on older trees

Pests/Diseases aphids, spider mites, mealy bug, snails, slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Rutaceae