

What Fruit Tree will you Grow?

Trees for USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 5b

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| Peach | Plum* |
| Nectarine | Cherry Sweet* |
| Apricot | Cherry Sour |
| Apple* | Quince |
| Pear* | Paw Paw* |
| Asian Pear* | Persimmon** |

*Requires another tree for pollination
**Requires a male & female tree



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Benefits

Of Planting a Fruit Tree Guild

- Food for people
- Food for wildlife
- Habitat for wildlife
- Soil enriching
- Connection to nature
- Grows food security
- Protects air & water quality



Tree Sizes

Dwarf 8' – 10'

Semi-dwarf 12' – 15'

Standard 18' – 25+'

Resources

- www.fedcoseeds.com/trees
- www.possibilityplace.com
- www.groworganicapples.com
- www.phillyorchards.org
- Mother Earth News
- extension.illinois.edu

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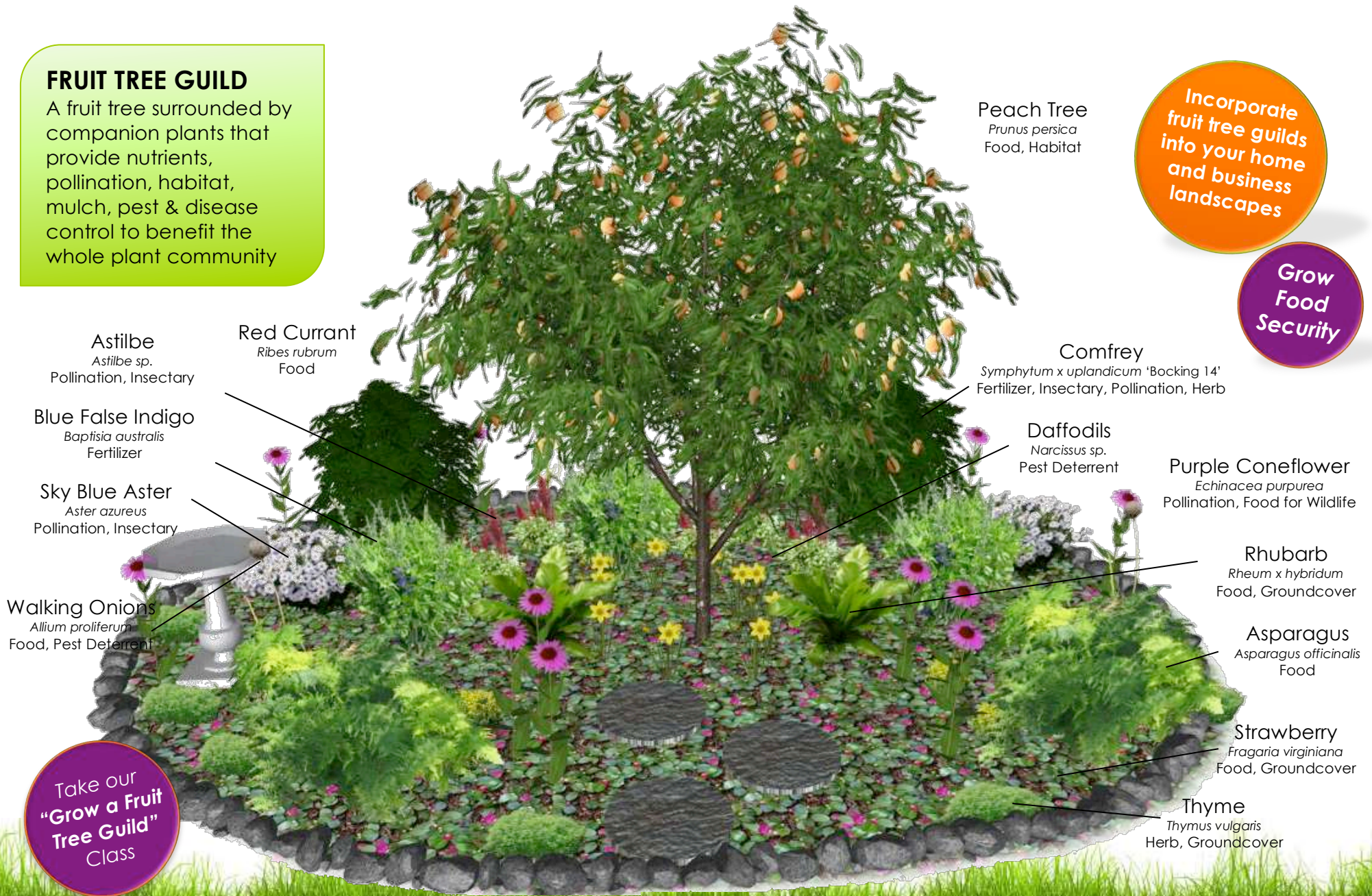
Enjoy harvesting fresh, ripe, nutritious fruits, vegetables, and herbs



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FRUIT TREE GUILD

A fruit tree surrounded by companion plants that provide nutrients, pollination, habitat, mulch, pest & disease control to benefit the whole plant community



Peach Tree
Prunus persica
Food, Habitat

Incorporate
fruit tree guilds
into your home
and business
landscapes

Grow
Food
Security

Red Currant
Ribes rubrum
Food

Comfrey
Symphytum x uplandicum 'Bocking 14'
Fertilizer, Insectary, Pollination, Herb

Astilbe
Astilbe sp.
Pollination, Insectary

Daffodils
Narcissus sp.
Pest Deterrent

Blue False Indigo
Baptisia australis
Fertilizer

Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea
Pollination, Food for Wildlife

Sky Blue Aster
Aster azureus
Pollination, Insectary

Rhubarb
Rheum x hybridum
Food, Groundcover

Walking Onions
Allium proliferum
Food, Pest Deterrent

Asparagus
Asparagus officinalis
Food

Strawberry
Fragaria virginiana
Food, Groundcover

Thyme
Thymus vulgaris
Herb, Groundcover

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SOIL

Well-draining, fertile
Sandy, loamy texture
pH 6.0 – 8.0

WATER

1-2" rain/water/week
Avoid overwatering
Avoid areas of flooding

SUN

6+ hours full sun daily
Eastern & Southern
exposures are best

NUTRIENTS

Top dress with compost,
leaf mulch, and natural
hardwood chips



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