



Overview

- American Persimmons are known for their edible fruit.
- Persimmon harvest time is October-November.
- There is an American Persimmon tree & an Asian Persimmon tree!

Tree Details

The fruit, persimmons, are usually orange, red or pink in color.

American Persimmon trees usually grow between 10 - 30 feet tall.

American Persimmon fruit are high in Vitamin A & C.

American Persimmon Tree

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Class: *Magnoliopsida*

Order: *Ericales*

Family: *Ebenaceae*

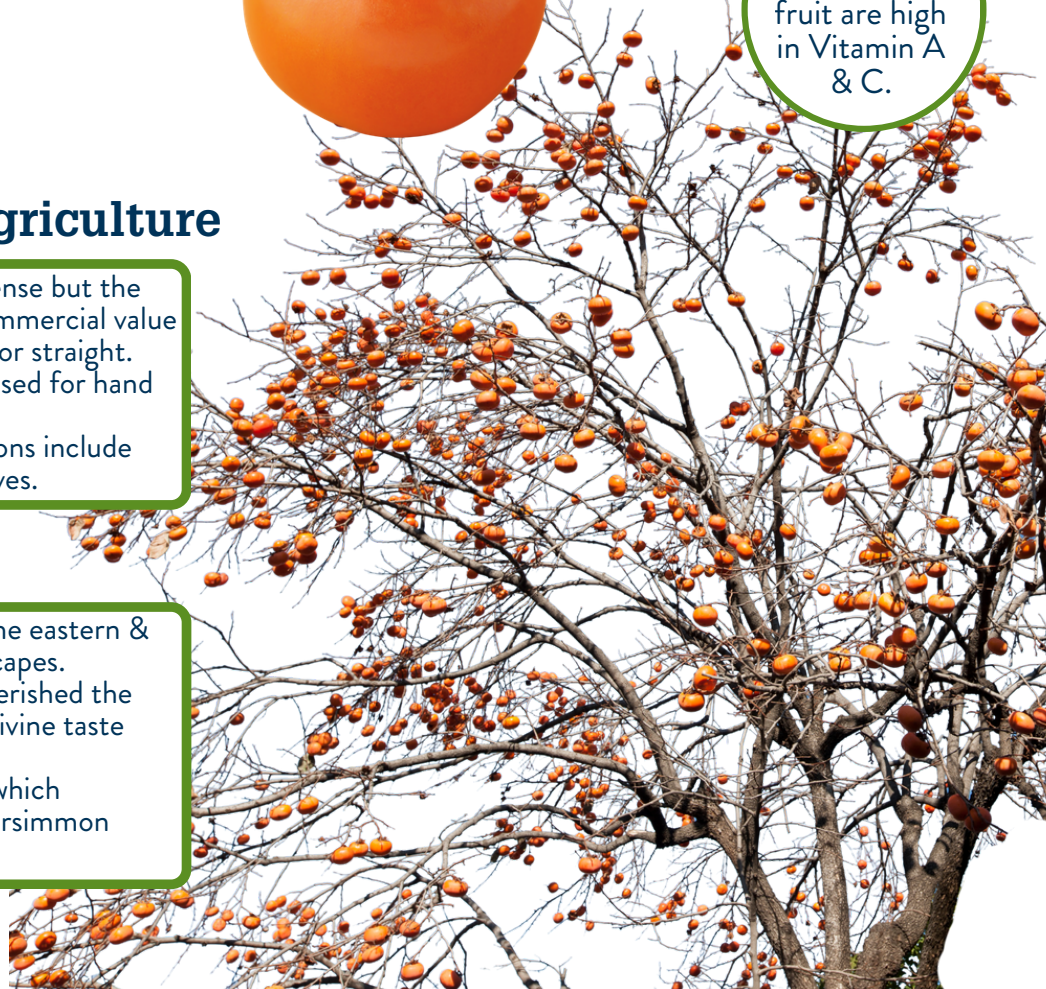
Genus: *Diospyros*

Persimmon Trees in Agriculture

- American Persimmon wood is very dense but the lumber does not have a significant commercial value due to the trees not growing very big or straight.
- American Persimmon wood is often used for hand carved utensils and knife handles.
- Value-added products from persimmons include cookies, cakes, ice creams and preserves.

History

- American Persimmons are native to the eastern & central United States in diverse landscapes.
- Indigenous peoples & settlers have cherished the persimmon fruit for centuries for its divine taste and medicinal properties.
- *Diospyros* means "fruit of the gods," which attributes to the divine taste of the persimmon fruit.



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