

Punica granatum

Pomegranate



Punica granatum 3.0-3.5m multistem, summertime

Punica granatum is a deciduous, rounded shrub cultivated for its fantastic shape, beautiful flowers and tasty fruit. Perfect as an ornamental tree, its maximum height is around 3-5m high and 4-6m wide.

Leaves start bronze in springtime, slowly turning glossy green in summer, eventually turning brownish yellow in autumn. Bright red flowers bloom in summer and if warm enough, rounded red brown fruits will develop, pomegranates. The bark is also of interest as it has grooves and flakes off in plates.

The pomegranate is best grown in a sheltered spot with full sun and moist, well drained soil. It is not the most hardy plant so it is recommended that it is planted in pots or with protection as frost can damage the roots. The *Punica granatum* is also drought tolerant.

Plant Profile

Name: *Punica granatum*

Common Name: Pomegranate

Family:

Height: 3.0-5.0 metres

Width: 4.0-6.0 metres

Demands: a sheltered location with full sun

Soil: Moist, well drained

Foliage: Glossy green leaves, turning brownish yellow in autumn

Flowers: Beautiful red flowers



Punica granatum flower



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In medieval Latin, pomegranate means 'Apple with many seeds'. They are classed as a super fruit and are actually in the berry family.

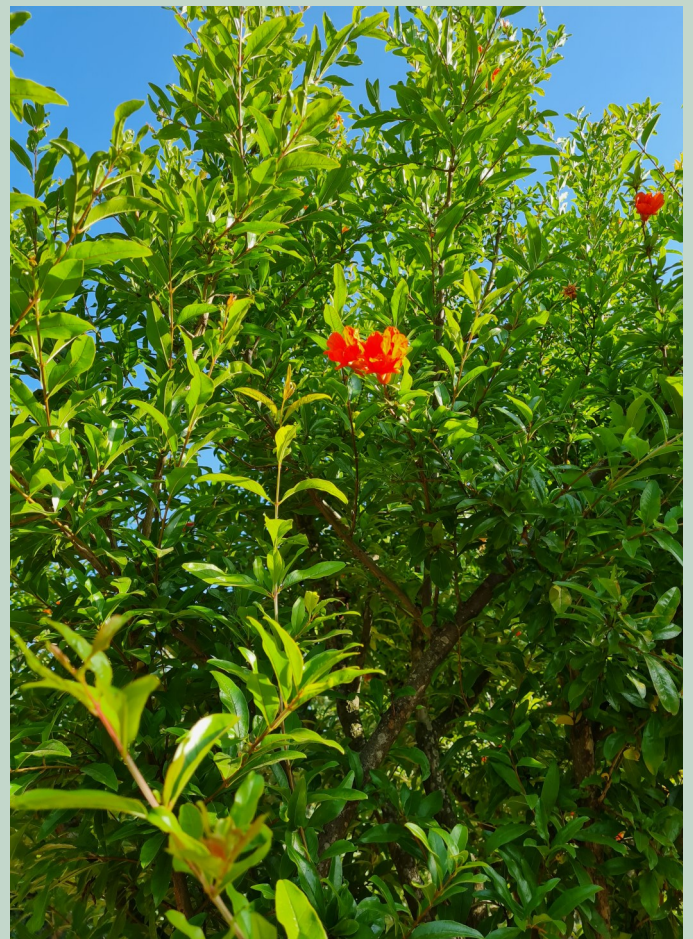
In ancient times, it was used to treat digestion problems. Whereas in recent history, there is evidence that shows it can prevent serious conditions such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes.



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Punica granatum 50-60cm 1/2 stem, Springtime



Punica granatum foliage, Summertime