



Improved Meyer's Lemon

Citrus Rutaceae

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8, 9, 12-24, H1, H2	Full sun bright light	Well drained, mildly acidic	Regular watering	White, pale pink, and near white, fragrant	8-12 Feet tall

In 1908, Meyer was in Peking (Beijing) preparing to return to the U.S. He found a curious citrus tree growing as a potted plant in a dooryard.

Dwarf Improved Meyer Lemon Tree *Citrus limon* 'Improved Meyer'—Sweet lemons and fragrant flowers year-round. 8-10' tall and 12' wide outdoors; can be kept smaller in a container. Meyer obtained the specimen. The fruit was lemon-like, but tasted sweeter. Allowed to ripen on the tree, the rind turned golden.

The Meyer lemon tree is one of the cold hardiest *Citrus* varieties tolerating temperatures down to -2 degrees C (29 degrees F). Although, it bears heavily November through April, the tree is everbearing—flowers and fruit are present on the tree at the same time.

The tree is believed a hybrid between *Citrus limon*, the lemon, and *Citrus reticulata*, the mandarin orange.