



Elberta & Halloween Peach *Prunus persica*

09-22



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 1-3, 6-11, 14, 15	Full sun	They require good drainage, regular fertilizing	Regular watering during fruit development	Showy pink blossoms	Grows rapidly to 25 feet

The **peach** is a tree, *Prunus persica*, and the juicy fruit that it bears, which has a single large seed encased in hard wood (called the **pit** or **stone**), yellow or whitish flesh, a delicate aroma, and a velvety skin. Peaches, along with cherries, plums, and apricots, are stone fruits (drupes). Cultivated peaches are divided into freestone and clingstone varieties, depending on whether the flesh sticks to the pit; both kinds can be any color. Peaches with white flesh typically are very sweet with little acid flavor, while yellow-fleshed peaches typically have an acidic tang coupled with sweetness. Both colors often have some red on their skin. Low-acid white-fleshed peaches are the most popular kinds in China, Japan, and neighboring Asian countries, while Europeans and North Americans have historically favored the acidic, yellow-fleshed kinds.