



## Moro Blood Orange

*Citrus sinensis 'Moro'*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

### Description:

An attractive tree that features fragrant white blooms in late winter, followed by medium-sized fruit with dark crimson flesh, and a wonderful sweet flavor; a nice landscape plant, or large screen; protect from frost; great for containers

### Edible Qualities

Moro Blood Orange is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces orange round fruit with a red blush and crimson flesh which are usually ready for picking from early to late winter. The seedless fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Juice-Making
- Sauces

### Planting & Growing

Moro Blood Orange will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



*Moro Blood Orange fruit*  
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This plant is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Moro Blood Orange is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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