

Important fruit tree rootstocks for garden use and their effects on tree size:

FRUIT Rootstock CHARACTERISTICS:

Apple M.27 Very dwarfing (tree attains 1.5m); only suitable for very good soils; requires permanent stake.

M.9 Dwarfing (tree attains 2m); the best rootstock for general garden use; requires permanent stake.

M.26 Semi-dwarfing (tree attains 2.5m); good for poorer soils.

MM.106 Semi-vigorous (tree attains 3-4m); better than

M.26 for weaker cultivars.

Pear Quince C Moderately dwarfing (tree attains 3-5m); best for general garden use but not for poor soils.

Quince A Moderately vigorous tree (tree attains 4-5m); best for poorer soils.

Plum Pixy Dwarfing (tree attains 2-3m but must be pruned to achieve this restriction).

St Julien A Semi-dwarfing (tree attains 3m but must be pruned to achieve this restriction).

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Cherry Colt Semi-vigorous (tree attains 3m but must be pruned to achieve this restriction).

F 12/1 Vigorous (tree attains 10m).

Damson Pixy See plum

St Julien A See plum

Peach St Julien A See plum

Quince Own roots

Medlar Own roots