

QUINCE

CYDONIA OBLONGA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

12 - 15' high, 9 – 12' wide

 Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Medium

 Life Span

Deciduous Perennial, Zone 5-8

 Description

Cydonia oblonga, also known as Quince, is a deciduous fruit tree best grown in fertile soil in full sun but can tolerate some light shade. The best fruits come from long hot summers and full sun. The Quince is a multi-stemmed plant that must be trained to a tree by removing suckers when young or it will spread into a shrub or thicket. Quince blooms on new growth and winter pruning is beneficial. The tree produces distinctive crooked branches and large broad leaves. Pale pink to white blooms occur in April – May followed by edible fruit that matures to a bright golden yellow. In warmer climates, the mature fruit fresh-picked is ready to be eaten raw. In cooler climates, the ripe fruit is picked before the first frost (October) but is still very astringent and best enjoyed cooked. Quince is most used cooked in jellies, preserves and pies. It attracts butterflies and is a colorful addition to landscapes, hedges and gardens.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.mobot.org/MOBOT/doc/publications/andrews/Quince.pdf)



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