



Top Tropical guide to tropical fruit tree cold hardiness in SW Florida

Cold tolerance for SW Florida (USDA zones):

9B— inland areas east of I-75 with minimum temperatures dropping down to 28-26°F for a few hours. It is possible to grow cold sensitive tropical plants, providing good protection from cold.

10— near-coastal areas west of I-75 with very little chance of light freeze.

11— frost-free areas along the coast.

S— salt tolerant plants.

A must for your garden: The most popular fruit tree for South and Southwest Florida is Mango (*Mangifera indica*):

Dwarf ("condo") mango for small gardens and containers	Semi-dwarf for small gardens	Large vigorous trees	Exotic SE Asian varieties
Carrie Cogshell Ice Cream Irwin Julie— we do not recommend it unless you live in completely frost-free area Mallika Manilita Nam Doc Mai Pickering	Cushman Fairchild Glenn Graham Keitt Lancetilla Lemon Meringue Neelum Okrun Okrun Tong Rosigold	Alphonso Bailey's Marvel Bombay Choc Anon Duncan Edward Haden Jakarta Kent Philippine San Felipe Southern Blush Springfels Valencia Pride Van Dyke	Brahm Kai Meu Cac Fralan Gao Lim Krong Imam Pasand Keo Sevoy Maha Chinook Mun Kun Si Pim Seng Mun Po Pyu Kalay Pram Kai Mai Si Siam Thom Pi Kan Tong Dom

Avocado (*Persea americana*):

Avocado for frost-free areas	Medium cold hardiness	Cold hardy	Very cold hardy (zone 8b)
Bernecker Catalina Donnie Nishikawa Simmonds Yamagata	Choquette Florida hass (Florida haas) Hall Lula Monroe	Brogdon Day Golden Winter mexican Mexicola	Brazos Belle Fantastic Lila Poncho

Other popular tropical fruit plants

Anacardium occidentale (11)

Achras (Manilkara) zapota (9B, S)

Annona cherimola × *Annona squamosa* (10)

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Artocarpus heterophyllus (10)

Averrhoa carambola (10)

Azadirachta indica (10, S)

Chrysophyllum cainito (10)

Blighia sapida (10)

Euphoria longana (9B)

Litchi chinensis (10)

Malpighia glabra (10)

Melicoccus bijugatus (10)

Muntingia calabura (10)

Pimenta dioica (10)

Pouteria sapota (10)

Psidium guajava (10)

Cashew Nut, Cashew Apple. *Does not tolerate freeze.*

Sapodilla, Ciku, Naseberry.

Atemoya.

Sugar Apple, Custard Apple.

Jakfruit.

Carambola, Starfruit.

Neem Tree.

Caimito, Star Apple.

Akee.

Longan, Dragon's Eye.

Lychee.

Barbados Cherry, Acerola.

Spanish Lime, Genip, Mamoncillo.

Strawberry Tree, Cotton Candy Berry. *Does not tolerate freeze.*

Allspice, Jamaica Pepp.e.r

Mamey Sapote.

Tropical Guava.

Spondias cytherea (10)
Spondias purpurea (10)
Syzygium samarangense (10)

Flood tolerant

Diospyros digyna (9B)
Cocos nucifera (10)
Myrciaria cauliflora (9B)

For shady spots

Coffea arabica (11)
Theobroma cacao (11)
Randia formosa (10)
Piper nigrum (11)
Piper sarmentosum (10)

For dry sunny locations

Carica papaya (10)
Hylocereus sp. (9B, S)
Tamarindus indica (9B, S)

Cold hardy and tough plants

Tamarindus indica (9B, S)
Actinidia deliciosa (9B)
Diospyros kaki (9B)
Camellia sinensis (9B)
Casimiroa edulis (9B)
Cinnamomum cassia (9B)
Eugenia aggregata (9B)
Eugenia braziliensis (9B)
Eugenia uniflora (9B)
Eriobotrya japonica (9B, S)
Feijoa sellowiana (9B, S)
Ficus carica (9B, S)
Laurus nobilis (9B)
Macadamia integrifolia (9B)
Morus hybrid (9B)
Passiflora edulis (9B)
Pimenta racemosa (9B)
Pouteria campechiana (9B)
Prunus persica (9B)
Psidium littorale (9B, S)
Punica granatum (9B, S)
Rubus hybrid (9B)
Vaccinium corymbosum (9B)
Ziziphus jujuba (9B, S)

Rarest tropical collectibles for container and greenhouse culture. They have to be kept at above 45-50°F.

Syzygium aromaticum (11)
Artocarpus odoratissimus (11)
Annona muricata (11)
Averrhoa bilimbi (11)
Garcinia mangostana (11)
Morinda citrifolia (S, 11)
Myristica fragrans (11)
Sandoricum koetjape (11)
Synsepalum dulcificum (10)
Syzygium malaccense (11)

June Plum, Ambarella.
Hog Plum, Jocote.
Wax Jamboos, Java apple.

Black Sapote, Chocolate Pudding Fruit.
Coconut Palm. *Does not tolerate freeze.*
Jaboticaba.

Coffee. *Does not tolerate freeze.*
Chocolate Tree, Cacao, Cocoa. *Keep above 45-50°F.*
Blackberry Jam Fruit.
Black Pepper. *Keep above 45-50°F.*
Vietnamese Pepper.

Papaya
Pitaya, Dragon Fruit
Tamarind

Tamarind
Chinese Gooseberry, Kiwifruit
Persimmon
Tea Plant
White Sapote
Cinnamon
Cherry of the Rio Grande
Grumichama
Surinam Cherry
Loquat, Japanese Plum
Feijoa, Pineapple Guava
Fig Tree
Bay Leaf, Laurel
Macadamia Nut
Mulberry
Passion Fruit, Maracuya
Bay Rum Tree
Canistel, Eggfruit
Tropical peach
Cattley Guava, Strawberry Guava
Pomegranate, Granada
Blackberry
Tropical Blueberry
Indian Jujube, Chinese Date

Clove
Marang, Tarap
Soursop, Guanabana
Bilimbi, Cucumber Tree
Mangosteen
Noni, Cheese Fruit
Nutmeg
Santol, Kechapi, Lolly Fruit
Miracle Fruit. *Grow in pot*
Malay Apple