

encourages persons to plant dual purpose species of hawthornes and crab apples. There are many other species of plants which are of value both for ornamental purposes and for fruit pro-

duction.

Members of the Committee will be pleased to receive suggestions from interested amateurs regarding their observations and other items of interest.



HOME FRUIT GROWING IN CALIFORNIA

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This well illustrated circular contains a wealth of material for the suburban gardener. The first part of this publication deals with factors such as climate, site, soil, selection and planting of trees, cultural practices, fertilization, pruning, and the control of insects and diseases. This section lays the foundation for a discussion of the various fruit crops which is presented in the latter part of the circular.

Training and Pruning Fruit Trees

Considerable attention is given to the training of fruit trees by the espalier and cordon systems. Such methods are of special interest to the backyard gardener who has a limited amount of space. Trees trained by these systems are attractive and may serve as a special feature in the garden. American gardeners have been extremely slow in the use of these unique and interesting fruit tree forms.

Suitable Fruits and Nuts of California

In this section the author states: "The discussions which follow include most, but not all, of the fruits and nuts that can be successfully grown in California. Several that are obscure or extra tender are intentionally omitted because they would probably be unsatisfactory for most home fruit growers. Only a limited number of the most reliable varieties of the different fruits and nuts is discussed. Lists of varieties adapted to various districts are summarized on the inside of the cover page, and are described in detail in the various discussions that follow."

A total of thirty-eight different fruits are covered in the last part of this circular. In each case the reader is instructed as to the soil requirements, cultural operation and fertilization, training and pruning, insect and disease control, and varieties.

The information contained in this circular is for the most part not applicable to eastern and midwestern conditions.

—W.P.J.