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Book Review

Fruits of India Tropical and Subtropical, Edited by T. K. Bose, ppl 658, cloth bound, published by Naya Prokash, 206 Bidhan Sarani, Calcutta 700 006 India, cost Rs 600.00

This book contains chapters on each of the following crops: Mango, Banana, Citrus, Grape, Guava, Pineapple, Papaya, Coconut, Litchi, Cashew, Sapota, Avocado, Custard Apple, Jackfruit, Bael, Fig, Ber, Pomegranate, Loquat, Phalsa, Date Palm, Jamun and Aonla. Each chapter begins with a picture of the crop and describes the origin, uses, varieties, soil and climatic requirements, prop-

agation, planting, fertilization, flowering and growth characteristics. The nutritive value of each crop is defined and interest is added by including local uses for not only the fruit but other parts of the plant as well. Although many of the cultural recommendations are those currently used in India, the detailed information has broader applications to other areas with climate permitting culture of these fruit crops. This book provides a fascinating insight into many fruit plants not commonly cultured and will be of interest and value to pomologists.