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TREE INFO CARD

Peach

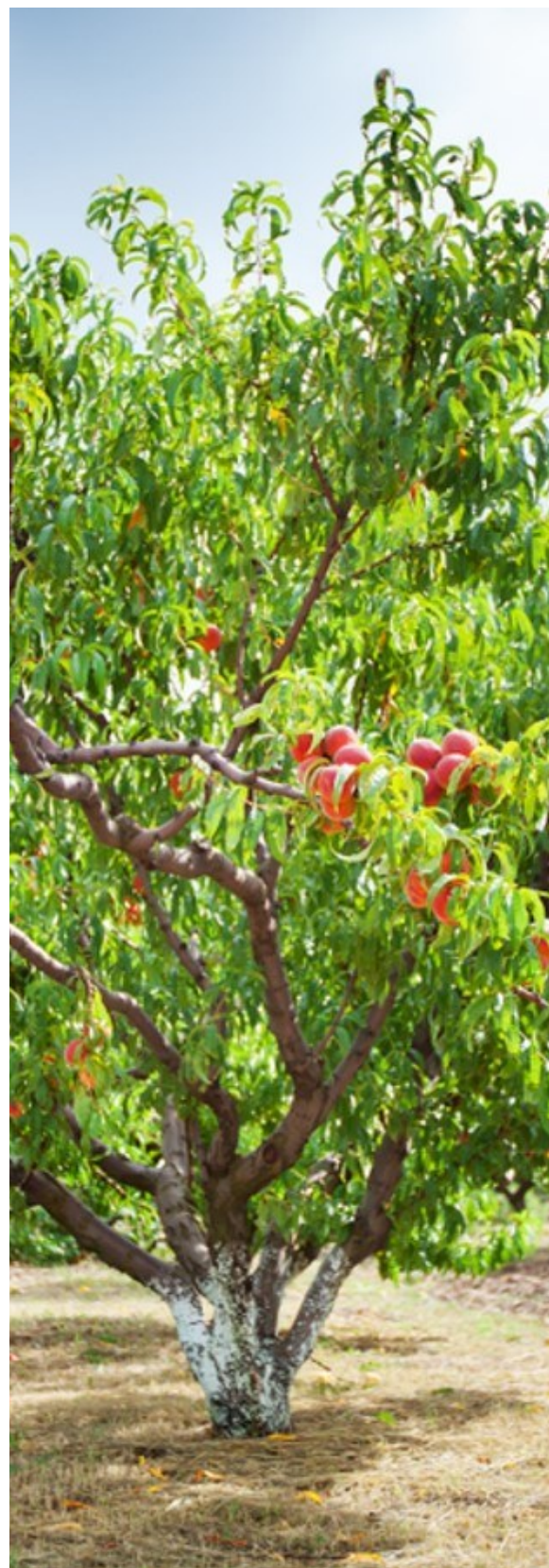
(Prunus persica)

Get to know your tree:

The peach is native to China, but is non-invasive in Michigan. It has medium-sized, slender leaves that are often curved. Fall leaf color ranges from yellow to red. Flowers are showy and typically pink in color. Fruits are large, round, pale orange, fuzzy, and grow on short stems. Bark is somewhat smooth, grey or reddish brown, and often exhibits horizontal lenticels.

Tree benefits:

Each year, a 1-inch diameter peach provides approximately \$9.00 in benefits and reduces atmospheric CO₂ levels by 11 pounds. To learn more about the benefits provided by your tree, or to see the benefits provided by larger peach trees, visit www.treebenefits.com.



Fun facts about your tree:

There are more than 2,000 named cultivars of the peach, each with slightly different fruits and harvest times!

The peach is very closely related to the almond, and peach pits taste similar to the almond nut - they're even used to make a marzipan substitute!



Plant your tree:

When choosing where to plant this tree, consider spots with full sun exposure (at least 6 hours of sun per day). Peaches grow to heights of 15-25 feet, with a spread of around 10-20 feet. This species does best in well drained soils.

For detailed planting instructions, please visit www.arborday.org/trees/planting. And always make sure to call Miss Dig (1-800-482-7171) to mark underground utilities before digging on your property!

Care for your tree:

This species is not tolerant of drought and will require frequent watering. Watering should be done during dry periods - especially in the summer - but there's no set amount of water your tree needs. Instead, how much you water should be based on the soil. Check the soil at a depth of two inches - if it's moist, there's no need to water. But if it's dry, you should water your tree! Make sure not to water if the temperature is below freezing. Most trees need watering during the first two years after planting - but keep an eye on older trees as well.



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