



Linking Edible Arizona Forests

## Growing Edible Arizona Forests, An Illustrated Guide

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### Edible Tree Guide

#### CHOOSE Planting Site and Design

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Learning the benefits of edible trees and where trees grow in Arizona, you can now go on to choose your goals, planting sites, water supplies, soil conditions, tree spacing and tree planting design. Start by answering the questions below to help determine your personal goals for using edible trees and the role these trees can play in your community.

- What are your personal and cultural connections to edible trees?
- What fruits, nuts, seeds and pods do you like to eat?
- Are you interested in native trees? Nonnative trees? Both?
- Which edible trees grow in your region of Arizona?
- How much produce do you want for yourself? To share?
- Do you have enough time to plant, maintain and harvest trees?
- Who else can help?
- Do you want to plant trees at a private site or a public site? Who owns and maintains the site?
- What water resources are available to support your trees?
- Can these water supplies be sustained over time?
- How can edible trees help increase food security and nutritional value for your community?
- Are there edible trees that have cultural and/or historic significance to your community?
- How can community skills, volunteer work, creativity and funding help in preparing, maintaining and harvesting edible trees?
- How can edible trees and stewardship activities be used to educate people and bring the community together?
- Does your community have edible trees in public spaces? Who maintains and harvests them?
- What ordinances relate to public trees?
- Are there any concerns about edible trees in public spaces?
- How long will the edible trees live?
- What are the plans for long-term stewardship of the trees?



Apples grown for family use.