

# clementines

## How do clementines grow?

Clementines grow on evergreen trees which means they never lose their leaves. Clementine trees can grow as tall as 7.5 metres or 25 feet with thin twigs that are usually thorny. After flowering, the fruit then grows. Clementines need up to nine months of warm temperatures to ripen and when fully ripe they are picked by hand. Citrus trees require mild winter temperatures and very warm summers. One advantage of the clementine is its ability to tolerate colder weather. Clementine trees can survive in temperatures, down to 17°F (-8°C), for short periods of time.

Check out this 3.39 minute video on Juicy Clementines – how do they grow?

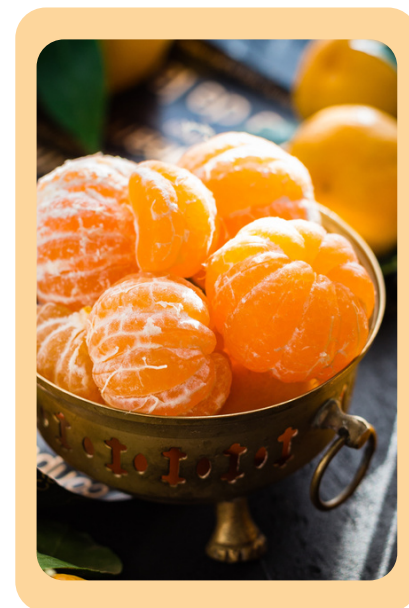
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LANMegb6ttU>

How Mandarins are Harvested and Packed at Cuties Citrus 4.04 minute video

<https://www.theproducenerd.com/2016/12/how-cuties-are-harvested-packed/>

## Did you know?

- The fruit of a clementine has seven to fourteen juicy orange segments and occasionally has seeds.
- The clementine is a citrus fruit which is a cross between a sweet orange and a mandarin.
- Clementines are known for their sweet flavour and easily peeled skin. They are available with seeds or seedless.
- Clementines are available year-round, but their peak season is November to April.



# Where did clementines come from?

Some sources say that a French monk by the name of Marie-Clement Rodier created the hybrid tree of a clementine. Other sources say that the clementine existed in China years before Rodier made his hybrid. While the mandarin orange family is indigenous to southeastern Asia, clementines are also grown in Europe, North Africa, Israel, Philippines, Japan, China, India and the East Indies. The United States Department of Agriculture introduced clementines to the southern states in 1909.

## Joke Corner

- Q. Why do clementines wear sunscreen?  
A. Because they peel easily.  
Q. What rhymes with orange?  
A. No, it doesn't.

## Reflective Activity

Tally how many clementines have seeds, how many seeds in each clementine and how many segments in each clementine. Graph the total.

### Clementine Tally

Seeds	Yes	No
	Number of Seeds	
Number of Segments		