

Rutaceae

The Citrus Family



The citrus family includes trees, shrubs, and a few herbs with oil glands on their leaves and flowers that have 4 or 5 petals and a strong aroma.

Citrus family plants grow in temperate and tropical climates around the world. Popular fruits belong to this family, like orange, tangerine, and lemon.

Non-citrus fruits do too, like white sapote and bael fruit.

Hawai'i is home to a few unique citrus family plants, all with the Hawaiian name A'e. They are separate *Zanthoxylum* species, all with hard yellow wood, found growing in dry forests across various islands.



Check out Rutaceae in the Arboretum:
Orange, Tangerine, Calamansi, Queensland Maple, White Sapote, and more!