

Cumquat

Citrus japonica · Rue family

DIFFICULTY Easy
TYPE Evergreen perennial shrub/small tree
MATURITY 2 years to first fruit



SUN
Full sun



WATER
Regular, deep



SOIL PH
5.5–6.5



SPACING
2–3m or pot



DEPTH
graft union
above soil

01 Compact and pot-friendly

The smallest of the common citrus, cumquat stays naturally compact and does very well in a large pot — a good option if garden space is limited.

02 Planting

METHOD	Plant with the graft union above soil level, in the ground or a large pot.
SOIL	Well-drained, slightly acidic.
TIMING	Plant in spring.

Planting timing varies significantly by Australian climate zone. Set your zone above (or use the Find My Climate Zone tool) for guidance tailored to your own area.

04 Problems

- **Citrus leaf miner** — prune affected tips.
- **Gall wasp** — prune out before spring.
- **Sooty mould** — treat the underlying pest.
- **Fruit drop** — irregular watering, more common in pots.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY	AVOID NEARBY	ROTATION NOTE
Comfrey Marigold	Close tree planting	Not applicable — perennial shrub/tree.



loose stake, first year

03 Growing care

- Water deeply and regularly, more often if potted.
- Feed with a citrus fertiliser three times a year.
- Mulch around the drip line.
- Prune lightly to shape after harvest.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Full orange colour, fruit is eaten whole, skin and all.
METHOD	Cut or twist from the stem.
CURING	None needed.
STORAGE	Room temperature about a week, or refrigerated longer.
PRESERVING	See Canning & Bottling (marmalade and preserved citrus) for ways to keep a harvest surplus.