

Doddin



An unusual apple mostly found around Redditch, Worcestershire. The apples are bright green, smooth skinned and turn somewhat yellowish as they become ripe in late July / early August. They are small and somewhat elongated. Juicy and sweet. Ripening early they do not keep so should be consumed quickly. Rootstock: MM106

Pollination group – C Picking time – early August Storage until – does not keep

Gladstone



A very early dessert apple best eaten off the tree from late July. Very good flavour, sweet and juicy. Surface almost all covered deep or brick red developing a greasy feel. Medium sized apples round conical with some broad ribbing that converges into a 'crown' at the apex.

To enjoy its flavour the best pick while still on the tree and the apples are not too deep red. Apples that have fallen can be soft and unappealing.

Pollination group – C Picking time – late July Storage until – does not keep

Hope cottage



An excellent late apple producing bright red medium sized flattish apples that have yellow flesh and are crisp, juicy and are of very good flavour. A good keeper lasting well into the New year.as the name suggests and is very productive from an early age.

Pollination group – C Picking time – mid October Storage until – April

Madresfield Court



Produces quite large tall angular red flushed apples. Richly flavoured, slightly aromatic apples. Raised at Madresfield Court near Malvern, Worcestershire probably by the Head gardener William Crump.

Pollination group – C Picking time – late September Storage until – December

May Queen



An early season dessert apple best enjoyed fresh from the tree. The ripe fruits have a firm flesh with a sub acid flavour and are best from early September. They do not keep a long time so are best consumed shortly after picking. Raised in 1900 by Mrs Oakey at Hope Cottage, Rochford, Tenbury Wells.

Pollination group – B Picking time – early September Storage until – late September

Pitmarston pineapple



A quite different and distinctive apple. Small golden yellow apples, oblong conical in shape covered with a fine russet. Sweet yet sharp. Honeyed flavour and nicely scented, but any pineapple flavour is difficult to distinguish. A neglected variety because of the apples small size, but this is a feature in itself. A variety well worth growing. A fruiting tree in the autumn is an impressive sight with the golden apples contrasting with the yet to fall leaves.

Pollination group – C Picking time – early October Storage until – December

Tupstones



This obscure dessert apple has many good qualities. the apples have a dark red almost purple skin colour. The flesh is yellowish white, sweet & firm. A good keeper storing until February or March in suitable conditions. Spurs freely and quickly into fruiting. Little is recorded anywhere about this variety, which first came to light in a 1945 County fruit trial but it is a local variety well worth growing.