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Prunus persica var. *nectarina*

[Synonyms : *Amygdalus persica* var. *nectarina*, *Persica nucipersica*, *Persica persica* var. *laevis*]

NECTARINE (Dutch, English and French) is a fuzz-less peach of unknown origin.

It is also known as Fresh nectarine, *Khōkh süfi* (Arabic), *Naakte perzik* (Dutch), *Nectarina* (Portuguese and Spanish), *Nectarine de table* (French), *Nektariini* (Finnish), *Nektarin* (Danish and Swedish), *Nektarine* (German), *Nektariini* (Finnish), *Nekutarin* (Japanese), *Nekutarina* (Japanese), *Nettarina* (Italian), *Pêche à peau lisse* (French), *Poksunga namu* (Korean), Smooth-skinned peach, Table nectarine, *Yu ta'ao* (Chinese), *Yutou* (Japanese), and *Zubaimomo* (Japanese).

Persica means 'of or from Persia' (Iran). *Nectarina* is probably derived from Latin *nectar* (nectar, honey, sweet or pleasant drink) with reference to the sweetness of the fruit.

Authorities note that medieval France called these fuzz-less peaches *brugnon*. Nectarines were familiar in England by the end of the 16th Century and John Parkinson (1567-1650) a London herbalist, records that six varieties of it were known there by 1629. A book written about Virginia (in the United States) in 1722 seems to be the first known record in North America to refer to the cultivation of nectarines domestically there – and in the beginning of the 21st Century (since 1973) their commercial growth in California has overtaken that of free-stone peaches.