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<b>SPECIES</b>	Punica granatum
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Pomegranate
<b>ORIGIN</b>	Mediterranean and Middle East
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	As specimen, or massed as an effective barrier hedge



#### HEIGHT

2–6m

#### SPREAD

1.5–4m

#### HABIT

The slender branches start out upright then droop gracefully. It has a strong tendency to sucker from the base.

#### FORM

Woody shrub or small tree with crowded, arching branches and thorny. Unpruned shrubs have a decidedly weeping or fountain shaped form.

#### FLOWERS

Soft, wrinkled crepey petals cupped in the long, leathery calyx bell, both are typically bright orange-red.

#### FLOWERING PERIOD

Long period in summer

#### FRUIT

Hard leathery skin 6–12cm dia., seeds embedded in red jelly-like pulp.

#### VARIATIONS

“Nana plena” (dwarf with smaller double flowers and no fruit)

“Flore plena” (double red form)

“Multiplex” (double, creamy white blooms)

“Variegata” (double, scarlet bordered & streaked with yellowish-white)

#### CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Tolerates seasonal extremes of heat and cold, drought, yet will also thrive in humid tropical climates; however it needs hot dry summers to ripen the fruit.

#### HORTICULTURE

Full sun and needs regular watering, but do best in areas with low summertime humidity. It is very tolerant of sandy, clayey, acidic and alkaline soils. The suckers that arise from the roots need to be removed.

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