
Fruit Trees of Pine Island



Common Fruit Plants and Trees Grown on Pine Island

- *Mango*
- *Avocado*
- *Citrus*
- *Carambola (Star Fruit)*
- *Lychee*
- *Longan*
- *Coconut*
- *Banana*



Some others

- *Pineapple*
 - *Sugar Apple*
 - *Miracle Fruit*
 - *Persimmon*
 - *Mulberry*
 - *Papaya*
 - *Sapodilla*
 - *Soursop*
 - *Surinam cherry*
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Mango



Mangos on Pine Island

- Grown here for over a hundred years
 - 1861 Dr. Fletcher brought in seeds
 - Turpentine/wild mangos
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 - Pine Island has the most diversity of mangos
 - Lee county produces 42%
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Growing Mangos

- *One of the easiest*
- *How to care for them*
- *Varieties*
- *Mango sap*
- *Health benefits*
- *Pests*
- *Uses of Mango*



Avocado



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- *Care*
 - *Common Pests*
 - *mealybugs, thrips, aphids, caterpillars*
 - *Challenges of growing*
 - *Uses of Avocado*
 - *Varieties*
 - *Cold tolerance*



Carambola (Star Fruit)





- *Caring for Carambola*
 - *Wind sensitivity*
 - *Commercial growing on Pine Island*
 - *Is it bad for you?*
 - *Caramboxin - neurotoxin*
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Banana

Miracle Fruit



One of My Favorites

- *Changes acid to sugar*
- *Used as a sweetener but banned by the FDA*
 - *miraculin*
 - *pressure from sugar companies*
 - *"Novel Food" status in the European Union*
- *Growing and Caring*
- *Uses*





Lychee



- *Grown since the 1930's*
 - *Lychee mite*
 - *Is it worth growing?*
 - *Varieties*
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Citrus



Sapodilla



Naseberry, Chiku, Nispero, Sapodilla

- *Traditional medicine for colds and coughs*
- *Sapodilla tree latex*
- *Its wood and uses*
- *Sapodilla seed oil*
- *Fun Fact!*
 - *growing in the Keys*
- *Potential replacement for sugar cane*



Ways to Grow Fruit Trees

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- *Landscape*
 - *Food Forest*
 - *Raised Beds*
 - *Containers*
 - *Orchard*



Considerations

Yard size

Soil

Size of the Tree

Wind protection

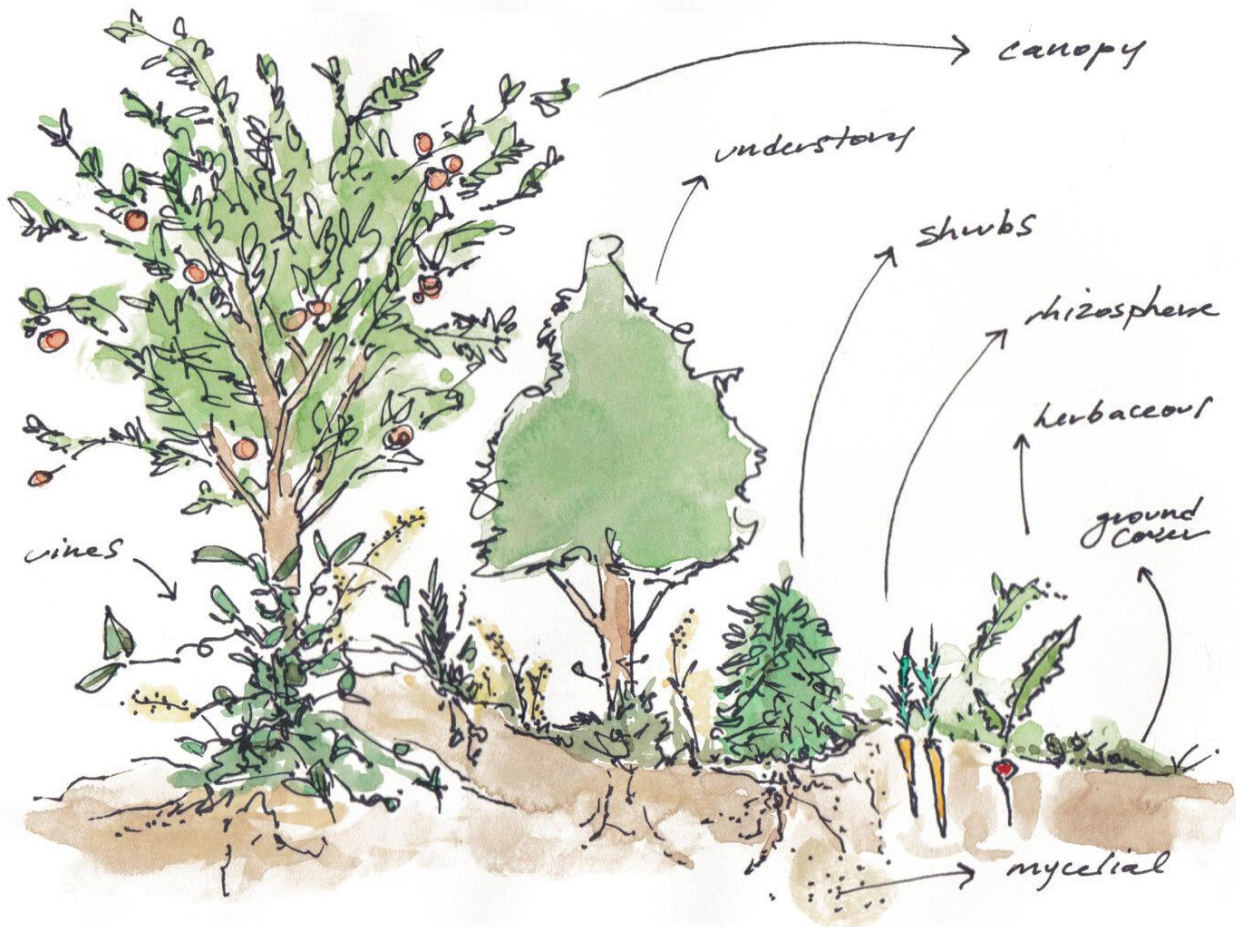
Watering

Are you going to have time?



Food Forest

THE FOOD FOREST



Layers of a Food Forest



- *Canopy*
 - *Subcanopy*
 - *Shrub layer*
 - *Herbaceous layer*
 - *Groundcover*
 - *Climber, Vine layer*
 - *Underground (root crops)*
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