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'Ceylon'

Oh-my-goodness-these-are-so-cute! Ceylon has all the look of a big ruffled beefsteak type tomato but in a miniature little package, only slightly larger than your average cherry tomato. From seed we originally got from Tom Stearns of High Mowing Seed over 10 years ago, this prolific and early tomato has become one of our favorites. We used it as a real eye-catcher in our cherry tomato mixes. Great sweet/tart flavor. Rare. Not quite a cherry but not quite a slicer either. **Update:** Ceylon shone like never before in the 2017 season. The plants were straining under the weight of them. And the taste? Gracious. Harvested our last load at the end of September and they were still

perfectly sweet, tempting and delicious.

Indeterminate. 65 days. UO



Glacier

5 days, [determinate](#) — 'Glacier' has potato leaf plants that set beautiful, red, globe-shaped fruits that weigh between one to three ounces and that are tasty and sweet. A very early variety.

Along with '[Siberia](#)', Glacier is another extra early variety popularized by Ron Driskill, a horticulture teacher at the Jack James Secondary School in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who founded The Siberia Seed Company. Each packet contains approximately 20 seeds.



Banana Toes

70 days, [dwarf](#) — The [rugose](#), regular leaf plants of 'Banana Toes' are very compact, reaching only eighteen to twenty-four inches tall, but they are very productive. Borne in clusters of four to six fruit, the elongated, Roma-type tomatoes are a beautiful bright-yellow color ripening to a deeper shade. They have the classic consistency of a paste tomato, making them perfect for sauce, paste, and preserving. Their flavor is mild and pleasant, and the fruit keep for a long time after picking without losing quality.

The "[Speckly](#)" family originated from a cross made by [Craig LeHoullier](#) between "[Dwarf Tomato Project](#)" release '[Dwarf Golden Heart](#)' and the indeterminate variety '[Speckled Roman](#)'. 'Banana Toes' was selected and named by Gina McDermott in 2017. Along with key contributor Gina McDermott, [Craig LeHoullier](#), Bill Minkey, Mike Dunton, and John Dunton are the other contributors to creating this new variety. Each packet contains at least 20 seeds.

Farthest North

40 to 50 days, [*determinate*](#) — 'Farthest North' plants produce early and abundantly, even in cool weather. Its cherry-type fruits are small, one to two ounces each, red in color, globe-shaped with a nice, full flavor and are reportedly resistant to Bacterial Speck.^[1] They are bite-sized for snacking or make a nice addition to a tossed salad. For a cherry-type tomato, the plants are manageable in size, allowing them to be container grown if necessary, yet they are still quite productive. Typical days to maturity is around 50 days but here on the farm in Oregon in 2019, we started getting ripe fruit in less than 40 days! Although it has been reportedly susceptible to concentric splitting, we have not personally observed this issue.

'Farthest North' was bred at the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station by renowned horticulturalist, [Dr. Albert F. Yeager](#) from a stabilized cross between '[Bison](#)' and a wild current-type, '*Solanum pimpinellifolium*' tomato and introduced in 1934.^[1,2] Our original seed was USDA accession number PI 370088. Each packet contains at least 20 seeds.



Cordova F1

85 days. If you are seeking a very dependable processing tomato, Cordova should be in your garden. Compact, determinate plants produce hefty, blocky red fruit that measures 2 inches wide and 3 inches long with dense meat and lots of flavor. Substantial harvests of sweet and tangy fruit for drying or making sauce and salsa. At our trials, we were very impressed with the amount of ripe

fruit harvested from one picking. F 1–2, N, PST, V.



Cuore De Bue

85 days. This curious and striking tomato is guaranteed to turn heads as well as satisfy appetites. Its name is simply Italian for oxheart, although this selection (Riviera) is an exotic twist on the oxheart tomato type. These big tomatoes have a bottom-heavy shape reminiscent of a pouch with a gathered

top. They measure 3 ½ inches wide and 4 inches long and weigh in just under ½ pound each. Cuore di Bue is one of the tastiest saucing types with dense flesh and lustrous, orangey-red skin.

Indeterminate.



Oregon Spring

65-70 days. This determinate variety was developed at Oregon State University. Their research shows that Oregon Spring will produce incredibly early yields of oval tomatoes when planted outside a month before your last frost date and given no protection except on frosty nights. Parthenocarpic. V.



Sungold

65 days. Sungold's fruity or tropical flavor is a big hit with everyone who tastes it. The bright apricot-orange round globes are 1 ¼ inches across and are borne on long, 10–15 fruit, grape-like trusses. The vigorous indeterminate vines produce equally well in the field and the early spring greenhouse. Plan on setting up your lawn chair between Sungold and Sweet Million for blissful snacking. F 1–2, TMV, V.



Tonnelet

Solanum lycopersicum. Red with Yellow Stripes. Paste. 75 days. Indet.

Roma-like, 2" long fruit are produced in clusters of 6 or more with beautiful yellow tiger stripes on red, 2-3 oz fruit. Flavor is fragrant and sweet. A variety developed in 1990 by Belgian tomato collector, Luc Fichot, and named after its fruit shape that resembles the antique vases, or kegs, known as *tonnelet*. Given to The Seed Ambassadors Project in 2007 by the Belgian seed company, Belle Époque.



Gill's All Purpose

Solanum lycopersicum. 60-70 days. Semi-det.

Good yields of 3" round, 4-5 oz, red fruit with firm texture that are delicious for fresh eating but also good for processing into juice or paste, or canning whole. Gill's All Purpose makes a good outdoor market farm tomato, grows to 4' tall and is easy to trellis. As a semi-determinate, it will keep ripening fruit through the end of the season but will not outgrow short trellis systems. Disease resistant plants help keep yields high and dependable. An Oregon heirloom worthy of name recognition by customers at market, like Brandywine or Cherokee Purple. Another treasure from the Gill Brothers Seed Company of Portland, Oregon, released in 1947.



Starfire

Solanum lycopersicum. 70 days. Det.

With its big yields of 7-10 oz, plump red slicers, Starfire is a really good production tomato for the Willamette Valley. It would probably perform very well throughout the Pacific Northwest, if not the entire northern US. Flavor is very good and it's nicely juicy. The vigorous bushy plants have a concentrated fruit set that we find very reliable. Starfire is a great name for this fiery red star of a tomato. Developed in 1963 at the Morden Experimental Farm in Manitoba, Canada. Our original source is from Victory Seeds who received it from USDA GRIN.



Ararat Flame

Solanum lycopersicum. 60 days. Semi-det.

Very attractive bushy plants are heavy yielders all through the season of flattened, medium-sized, deep red 6-8 oz fruit. Great rich tomato flavor and one of our favorites. Appearance is similar to Marmande but with less ribbing. Our research traces this variety to Debrecen, Hungary, and possibly from Armenia near Mount Ararat before that. Originally sourced from Gerhard Bohl, who says that "it grows at the foot of the mountain." *Ararat Geflammte* in German.



Early Willamette

Solanum lycopersicum. 55-60 days. Det.

An early red tomato with great yields on short determinate bushes. 3-7 oz fruit have excellent flavor and appearance. Fruit set in clusters with three or four concentrated flushes. We plant Early Willamette as an early rotation because of its manageable size and concentrated yield. A favorite of many home gardeners and it seems to love Oregon weather. Bred by Dr. Alan Kapuler of Peace Seeds, from a cross made by his daughter Kusra, of Willamette and Skorospelka.



Fireworks

Solanum lycopersicum. 55-60 days. Det.

One of the largest extra early tomatoes. Medium sized, red, juicy 3-6 oz globes on short manageable bushes. Good as an early production tomato due to its high percentage of perfect marketable fruit. Similar to Starfire (listed under Tomato, Main Season Red) but earlier and a little smaller. Bred by Tim Peters of Peters Seed and Research in Riddle, Oregon.



Dancing With Smurfs

Solanum lycopersicum. Indigo/Red Cherry. 65-70 days. Indet.

Delicious and very unique dark-purple topped, red cherry tomato. This newly available tomato color is referred to as indigo. Disease resistant plants have a purple blush and easily grow to 6'. After we trialed many of the new indigo tomatoes, we decided that Dancing With Smurfs is one of the best tasting.

The purple/black color of these tomatoes comes from a natural cross made by Jim Myers (professor and plant breeder at Oregon State University). His original releases were then further developed by many independent tomato breeders. This particular variety was bred by Tom Wagner from Everett, Washington, the founder of Tater Mater Seed, and the famous breeder of Green Zebra tomato. First offered commercially in 2012 by New World Seeds and Tubers.



Justnya

Solanum lycopersicum. Orange. 65-70 days. Semi-det.

In our 2018 tomato trial, this orange tomato surprised us with its sweet flavor, which enthusiastically earned it a spot in our catalog. 2-3" tall, plum shaped, 1-2 oz fruit are bright orange with a pointy tail on the blossom end. Plants have a wispy growth habit that reaches about 3' tall. Justnya was selected and stabilized by Tatiana Kouchnareva from a cross made by Tom Wagner between Mountain Rose paste tomato and an F2 of Sun Sugar cherry tomato. Named after Justnya Kowalczyk, a well-known Polish cross-country skier.



Wheatly's Frost Resistant

Solanum lycopersicum. Pink Grape. 60 days. Indet.

Tart, sweet, pink, grape-shaped fruit. Huge yields on big plants. We have found them to be very cool weather tolerant but not actually frost resistant.

The most split resistant cherry we've seen – maybe it should be called Wheatly's Split Resistant? Seemingly blight resistant and certainly yields well very late into the season until frost. A wonderful variety we think everyone should try. We believe it to be the same strain that has been available from the Seed Savers Exchange Yearbook since the 1980s, and from Sandhill Preservation Center. However, there was a variety listed as "Wheatley" in Gleckler's Seed Catalog in the 1950s described as an early red globe from South Africa reportedly able to resist frosts down to 26°F! This sounds mythical and is definitely not our strain. We received our original seed from seed collector Gerhard Bohl in Germany.



Jujube Cherry Tomato

75 days. Here is a wonderful red grape tomato from our friend, Reinard Kraft, of Germany. Fruit is produced in long clusters, each one being about the size and shape of a jumbo olive. The crisp fruit is delightfully refreshing and is perfect for snacking.



German Lunchbox Tomato

70-80 days. This heirloom was brought into the seed store a few years ago by a local gentleman who had been saving this tomato for many years. His family brought this variety to the U.S. when they immigrated here. The fruit is the size of a small egg, vibrant pink, sugar sweet, and begging to be eaten. Perfectly sized for salads or putting in the lunchbox! A favorite!



Sub-Arctic Plenty or World's Earliest Tomato

50 days. Determinate. One of the very earliest tomatoes, the compact plants produce lots of 2-oz red fruit. One of the best for cool conditions and will set fruit in lower temperatures than most. It has even been grown in the Southern Yukon. Developed by Dr. Harris, Beaverlodge Research Station, Alberta, Canada.



Black Beauty

World's Darkest Tomato-- the darkest tomato we know! A dark, meaty, very rich-fleshed tomato with extreme anthocyanin expression (same antioxidant in blueberries and blackberries). So dark that some tomatoes turn solid blue-black on the skin. Deep red flesh is among the best tasting of all tomatoes. Rich, smooth and savory with earthy tones. Hangs well on

the vine and stores very well, and the flavor improves with room-temperature storage. Our own Dave Kaiser tasted it at the 2015 National Heirloom Exposition and proclaimed it as the BEST tomato he had ever eaten!



Chocolate Cherry Tomato

70 Days

Extremely flavorful, uniform, round fruits in trusses of 8, measure 1" in diameter. Fruits hold stems very well, don't crack and can be picked several days before completely mature and allowed to ripen off the vine without sacrificing quality. Great variety for the home gardener or for packing into pints for market.

Indeterminate



Supersweet 100

65 Days

(VF) Staked hybrid plants produce long strands of 100 or more super-sweet cherry tomatoes, weighing about 1 oz. each and measuring 1" in diameter. Extra-high in Vitamin C. Plants bear fruits throughout the season. Requires staking or caging.

Indeterminate



Vernissage Black

75 Days

This 2 to 3 ounce saladette variety is very good for fresh eating, salads, drying or making sauces. Healthy, highly adaptable and very productive over a long season. Deep mahogany, striped with green. Like most black tomatoes, the flavor is pleasingly rich, especially tasty in sauces.

Indeterminate



Pineapple

85-90 Days

Enormous, uniquely-patterned, yellow-red striped fruits will be the center of attraction. Beefsteak-type fruits easily grow to 5" and larger, and are orange-yellow with red streaks. Fruits have meaty flesh, mild flavor, and no green shoulders. Heavy foliaged plants produce good yields.

Indeterminate



Saucy Lady

80 days

Possibly the best sauce tomato that we have offered for quite some time.

Attractive, 3 to 4 ounce fruits are deep crimson in color and extremely firm.

Excellent for making delicious sauces and pastes.

Determinate



Cherokee Purple

80-90 Days

A reliable producer of unusual, medium pink-purple fruits that appear brown in color, and average 8 to 12 oz., each. Fruits are round to oblate, with no cracking. Exhibits tolerance to mild drought as well as to common diseases.

Indeterminate



Stupice

52 Days

(LB) (Pronounced "stoo-PEECH-ka") A native of Czechoslovakia, where its extreme earliness, tolerance to cold, superior flavor and high yields have earned it worldwide attention. Tests show an astounding average of 87 fruits picked per plant. Fruits are sugary sweet, weighing 1 to 2 oz.

Indeterminate



Polbig

55-60 Days

(VFFT) For home gardeners and fresh market. Early, meaty and mild, and one of the best varieties for holding on the vine for extended periods without cracking. Flavorful, 6 to 8 oz., oblate-shaped fruits ripen uniformly, developing a consistent deep red color throughout. Plants are compact and prolific.

Determinate.



Taxi

65-70 Days

The best yellow variety for short season areas. Bright yellow 4 to 6 oz. fruits are smooth and blemish free. Flesh is meaty, mild and acid free. Excellent fresh for salads, sandwiches or adds a nice splash of color to salsas. Heavy yielder over a 3 to 4 week period.

Determinate



Bush Early Girl Hybrid

54 Days

(VFFNT) This "determinate sister" to popular Early Girl (00240) delivers the same desirable qualities in a compact, patio-sized variety: an extreme earliness and huge yields of firm, meaty, flavorful fruits that are larger than Early Girl - a full 4" in diameter.

Determinate



Sungold

70 Days

This open-pollinated version of our very popular Sungold is sure to become a favorite, as well. Flavor is fruity, yet tart, making these bite-sized beauties a great snacking tomato.

Indeterminate



Wisconsin 55 Tomato

(EB) A superb tomato developed at the University of Wisconsin. Large deep red fruits resist shoulder cracks and blossom end rot, ripen evenly and have strong skin and solid flesh. Vigorous plants are tolerant to defoliation diseases, early blight and leaf spot. For top performance fertilize regularly. Semi-determinate plants.