



### Mandarin orange

The **mandarin orange**, also known as **mandarin** or **mandarine**, is a small [citrus](#) tree (*Citrus reticulata*) with fruit resembling other [oranges](#). The fruit is [oblate](#) rather than [spherical](#). Mandarin oranges are usually eaten plain or in fruit salads. Specifically reddish-orange mandarin cultivars can be marketed as [tangerines](#), but this is not a botanical classification.

The mandarin orange is but one variety of the orange family. The mandarin has many names, some of which actually refer to crosses between the mandarin and another citrus fruit.

The mandarin is easily peeled with the fingers, starting at the thick rind covering the depression at the top of the fruit, and can be easily split into even segments without squirting juice. This makes it convenient to eat, as utensils are not required to peel or cut the fruit.

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