

Siracusa lemon



The Siracusa lemon (in Italian, *Limone di Siracusa IGP*) is the fruit of the cultivar "femminello" and its clones, corresponding to the botanical species *Citrus x limon* L. Burm. The *femminello* cultivar from Siracusa is the most common variety of lemon in Italy, and produces three main flowerings: the *primofiore* (from October 1st), the *bianchetto* (Also less commonly known as the *maiolino*.) (from April 15th) and the *verdello* (or *summer lemon*, from July 1st).

The *Siracusa lemon* is characterised by a high juice content and abundance of oil glands in the skin, as well as the high quality of its essential oils. The Siracusan variety of lemon is called a *femminello* because of the fertility of the plant, which flowers all year round: the *primofiore* (literally, "first flower") matures from October 1st, has an elliptical shape, skin and flesh which varies from light green to lemon-yellow, and lemon-yellow juice; the *bianchetto* ripens from April 15th, is ovoid-elliptical, with light yellow skin, yellow flesh and lemon-yellow juice; the *verdello* matures from July 1st, is an spheroid elliptical shape, light green skin, and lemon-yellow flesh and juice.

Category: Citrus

Families: Rutaceae

Genus: Citrus

Species: limon "Siracusano"

Geographical Area of Origin: Mediterranean Europe

Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a

Habit: Tree

Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde ☒

Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile

Flower: Simple flower

Colore Fiori: Bianco ☐



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Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

Water needs: Low / little water / Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Tree

Fruiting Period: Gennaio / Febbraio / Marzo / Novembre / Dicembre

Colore Frutti: Giallo 

Parfumed: yes