

## Mespilus - Growing Guide

### Growing Medlar Trees

Commonly known as *Mespilus germanica*

*Mespilus* are a genus of a single species (*M. germanica*) which is allied to *crataegus* and *cotoneaster* but distinguished by their large solitary flowers and distinctive edible fruits.

Medlars are native to Europe and can be found growing wild in woodland in Sussex and Kent. In more recent times medlars have been bred and cultivated to increase the size and quality of their fruits. The varieties we offer are well established fruiting trees which will perform at a very young age. Unlike older wild forms they do not have any thorns!

*M. germanica* grows into a small spreading tree of up to 20ft. Its solitary white or slightly pink tinged flowers appear in May or early June. Thereafter smallish apple-like fruits appear in such profusion that we have found our trees falling over with the weight of fruit unless adequate staking is in place from the outset.



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Perhaps a tree to include in your orchard for a bit of variation?



Mespilus germanica  
'Nottingham'



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'Nottingham'



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