

## Popular Mayhaw Selections

Listed below are some of the best selections found, or developed over the past 20 years. Mr. Billy Craft, Reuben "Spec" Sherrill and Johnny Smith conferred to create the list based on their many years of combined research. The list is not all-inclusive. It is recognized that many may perform better in one region rather than another due to differences in soil composition, temperature variances and the amount of pest and, or disease control needed in an area. Selections may be added to this list, or replace some on it, as new hybrids are developed or new selections are discovered in the wild.

1. Maxine - A very good selection found by James Eaves near DeRidder LA. It is a large-fruited (.8 inch), red mayhaw. Maxine is a very late bloomer, blooming around March 20. Tree shape is excellent, naturally forming an inverted umbrella shape. A consistent heavy producer, uniform ripening, shattering (fruit drop) is very low. 95% of the fruit can be harvested at one shaking. Maxine is very resistant to fire blight. Many growers believe Maxine to be about the best tree ever taken from the wild.
2. Hope 13 - A Billy Craft selection following 20 years of hybridizing. This is a very large-fruited (.9 inch), dark red mayhaw. A very productive selection, ripening is very uniform and shattering is very low. Peak blooming of this variety is about March 15, directly between Maxine and Double G. 95% of fruit can be harvested with one shaking. Fire blight resistance has shown to be very good. This is a super tree taking the best qualities from Maxine and Double G.
3. Double G - Another Billy Craft selection, being a cross between Texas Star and Royal Star. The fruit is dark red with a strawberry colored pulp. This is an easy tree to grow with nearly perfect tree form with no manual shaping needed. This tree produces at an early age, one to two years prior to other varieties. Peak of blooming is about March 10. Fruit holds very well on the tree and 95% can be harvested with one shaking. It has a slight susceptibility to fire blight.
4. Red Splendor - This is another Billy Craft creation, crossing Texas Star and Cajun. Fruit is dark red with strawberry colored pulp. Size of fruit averages .7 inch. A very productive tree, the fruit holds very well and 95%

can be harvested at one shaking. Peak of blooming is about March 5. Fire blight resistance is good.

5. Royal Star - A Bobby Talbert selection from Vidor, Texas. Fruit is a deep red, nearly purple mayhaw. It averages .75 inch in size. Royal Star is a very productive, uniform ripening mayhaw. Shatter resistance is very good with this tree and 95% of the fruit can be harvested at one time. Peak of blooming is about March 10. One attractive feature of this tree is the fact that it is completely thorn less. It is susceptible to fire blight.

6. Texas Star - Another selection discovered by Bobby Talbert, with large .8 inch fruit. Trees are productive with red fruit. This variety has good tree form, occurring naturally, and making manual shaping unnecessary. Shatter resistance is good, high percentage of fruit can be harvested with one shaking. Peak blooming is about March 10. It is susceptible to fire blight.

7. Spectacular - A third selection discovered by Bobby Talbert from East Texas. This is a large fruited variety averaging .8 to .85 inch. Production seems to vary based on factors encountered by different growers. This selection must have a pollinator, such as Texas Star or Royal Star. Peak blooming occurs around March 10. Tree form is good, fruit holds well and a high percentage can be harvested with one shaking. This variety has shown to be fire blight resistant.

8. Cajun - A small to medium sized fruited tree, Cajun is an extremely late blooming mayhaw (around April 1st) and has fruit ripening near the middle of June. It is fire blight resistant, holds its fruit well and yields a high percentage of its fruit at one shaking. Cajun produces heavily along the entire length of its limbs. This fruiting characteristic makes it a popular cross with other varieties to develop new hybrids.

9. Marlene – A good medium sized fruited tree, early blooming (mid-February), with red pulp. It is a good, consistent producer in milder climates. Shatter resistance, however is poor. Fallen fruit from Marlene keeps well (2 to 3 days), however, suspended netting should be considered if growing Marlene. Fire blight resistance is good. Jelly made from a mixture of fruit from Marlene and Royalty is superb.

10. Royalty – A good medium to large fruited tree, blooming in early March. Shatter resistance is somewhat better than Marlene, but does not hold well in high winds. Fire blight resistant is good.