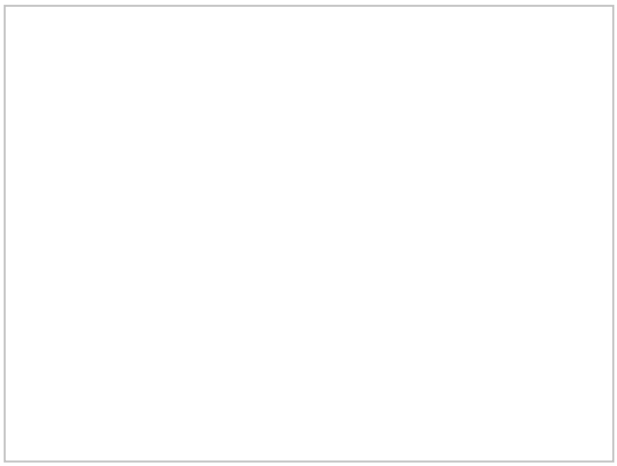
"Piretto" Citron



The plant has fairly assurgent growth. Its young branches are reddish, with leaves up to 20 cm long.
The flowers grow in clusters and are very fragrant. The petals of the buds are reddish, but turn white when the flower opens.
The pale yellow fruit may reach a length of 20 30 cm and is a characteristic elongated shape, sometimes pointed with a slight protuberance at the pedicel. The rind is very rough and exceptionally thick. Indeed, 70% of the fruit is constituted by pith, which is juicy and consequently eaten along with the flesh.
The Piretto citron is sour, but sweeter than a lemon, allowing it to be used in salads and side dishes.

Category: Citrus
Families: Rutaceae
Genus: Citrus
Geographical Area of Origin: Mediterranean Europe
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Tree
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Febbraio / Marzo / Aprile / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre
Flower: Simple flower
Colore Fiori: Bianco
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Fitocella / Tree
Colore Frutti: Giallo
Parfumed: yes