

Upright or Pillar Peaches – Perfect for the Backyard

Fruit tree scientists at the United State Department of Agriculture Station in Kearneysville, West Virginia have developed new tree forms for the establishment of high-density peach orchards. The trees are upright or pillar-shaped, and require minimal training or pruning. The pillar-shaped tree growth is vertical and compact. Upright trees are more vertical in growth than conventional peach trees. Two selections are now available and may be perfect for the backyard gardener with limited space.

Note: Peaches are self-fruitful (do not require cross pollination to produce fruit).

The two selections planted in the Snyder Research and Extension Farm Teaching Garden are:

Crimson Rocket – a pillar selection ripening in early to mid-August. The fruit is medium large and firm with excellent color.



Sweet-N-Up – an upright tree producing heavy crops in late August to early September. The fruit is very large, firm and highly colored.

