

# Grow Guide

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Guava is a tropical fruit plant that is not especially tolerant of cold weather though not as sensitive as a species like mango. Plants are relatively quick to flower and produce fruit from seed compared to other fruit trees, with flowering often occurring on year two or three if the plant is happy. Seeds of guava can take a long time to germinate, sometimes months. The germination speed and rate can be improved greatly with the usage of a heat mat. We like to start seedlings in vegetable cell trays and then move the seedlings up into one gallon pots. When the plant is roughly 24-36 inches tall it is ready to move out into the field. Though we suspect Cody Cove Pear Guava may be more tolerant to nematodes, this is still a consideration when choosing a planting site. An area with more rich, moist soil will make the plant less susceptible to nematode infestation. Guavas perform best in mostly full sun or on the south edge of a wooded area.

