

Punica granatum

Scientific classification ✍️

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Order : Myrtales
Family : Lythraceae
Genus : *Punica*
Species : *P. granatum*



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Description:

The **pomegranate** (*Punica granatum*) is a fruit bearing deciduous shrub in the family Lythraceae, subfamily Punicoideae, that grows between 5 and 10 m (16 and 33 ft) tall. A shrub or small tree growing 5 to 10 m (16 to 33 ft) high, the pomegranate has multiple spiny branches and is extremely long-lived, with some specimens in France surviving for 200 years. *P. granatum* leaves are opposite or subopposite, glossy, narrow oblong, entire, 3–7 cm long and 2 cm broad. The flowers are bright red and 3 cm (1 ¼ in) in diameter, with three to seven petals. Some fruitless varieties are grown for the flowers alone.

Medicinal uses:

The pomegranate has been used in natural and holistic medicine to treat sore throats, coughs, urinary infections, digestive disorders, **skin** disorders, arthritis, and to expel tapeworms.