

Apricot

In collaboration with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, a few years ago an apricot collection park (garden) was created in Armenia where all the major types of apricot that grows in the country (about 87 types).

- *Armeniaca vulgaris* Lam



There are about 87 types in Armenia.
The most common are:

- Nakhijevan Red
- Yerevani
- Saten
- Khosroveni
- Vorduari
- Hamban
- Ghevondi

Grapes

Until 1992, there was a collective garden at the Armenian Wine-Making and Horticultural Research Institute, which included about 900 varieties of grapes, but after their privatization they were destroyed. In 2016, we only created a new collector garden with about 300 varieties of grapes. As a result of a visit to 4 Armenian regions, a scientific expedition of the Armenian Wine Making Foundation found about 160 local grape varieties that were considered lost or still known.

- *Vitis sylvestris* C.C. Gmel. (wild)
- *Vitis vinifera* L. (cultivated)



The most common are:

- Voskehat
- Garan Dmak
- Black Areni
- Mskhali
- Black Qishmish
- White and Black Sateni



Sea- Buckthorn

Major growing areas of Sea buckthorn in Armenia are mostly Vayots Dzor, Syunik marzes and in Sevan lake basin in Gegharkunik region (about 900 ha in Gegharkunik region).

- *Hippophae rhamnoides* L.



The sea buckthorn does not give up its nutrient-rich berries and seeds easily.

Picking them by hand is very time-consuming and difficult, since the fruit is firmly attached to the branches and protected by sharp thorns, however the farmers use this type of harvesting due to lack of harvesting technical equipments. Researchers have yet to find an efficient method of mechanically harvesting berries in the field, the best methods to date collect only about half of the berries and leave the rest behind.



Lentil

Wild lentil is *Lens ervoides* (Brign.) Grossh. and *Lens orientalis* (Boiss.) Hand.-Mazz. grow in Syunik, Vayots Dzor, Ararat regions.

They are registered in the Red Book of Armenia.

- *Lens culinaris* Medic. (cultivated)
- *Lens ervoides* (Brign.) Grossh. (wild)
- *Lens orientalis* (Boiss.) Hand.-Mazz. (wild)



Raspberry

- *Rubus idaeus* L. (cultivated and also wild)



7 varieties of raspberry grow in Armenia- *R. saxatilis*, *R. idaeus* etc. In the wild nature raspberry grows in the forests of Gugark, Stepanavan, Dilijan, Tumanyan, Ijevan, Noyemberyan and other regions. Lori, Tavush, Gegharkunik, Syunik, Aragatsotn and other regions around Yerevan.



Blackberry

2 varieties are included
in Plants Red Book of
Republic of Armenia

– 1. Blackberry of
Zangezhur, 2. Blackberry
Takhtajyan.

- *Rubus anatolicus* (Focke) Focke ex Hausskn.
- *Rubus arcticus* L.
- *Rubus armeniacus* Focke.
- *Rubus caesius* L.
- *Rubus candicans* Weihe
- *Rubus cartalinicus* Juz.
- *Rubus caucasicus* Focke
- *Rubus idaeus* L.

