



SIMPLE BUT HOW / ORCHARD FIELD SERIES

Graft labels: cut & keep

Eight blank tags for ordinary paper. Write a stable ID, cut on the borders, and keep the matching register. Not a branded adhesive-label template.

Tree / graft ID	Sample-01
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-02
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-03
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-04
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-05
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-06
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-07
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Tree / graft ID	Sample-08
Scion cultivar	Unknown
Rootstock	Unknown
Grafted / batch	Planned batch

Protect paper from weather. Check label ties as stems expand; do not allow a tie to constrict growth. Write Unknown rather than guessing a cultivar or rootstock.

Context: UGA Extension: Garden Journals. Original SimpleButHow layout; no institutional endorsement.



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Graft aftercare field log

Observe, record, then decide. Bud growth alone does not prove a durable union. Choose check dates for your conditions; this is not an automatic care schedule.

Tree / graft / batch ID

Example batch A

Scion cultivar / rootstock

Unknown

Grafted on (MM/DD/YYYY)

09/15/2026

Method / wrap / support

Check date / weather	Buds, union, wrap & support	Action taken / next check
09/15/2026	Example: wrap checked	Record next check yourself
09/15/2026	Example: wrap checked	Record next check yourself
09/15/2026	Example: wrap checked	Record next check yourself
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09/15/2026	Example: wrap checked	Record next check yourself

Record visible changes and photo IDs. If the cause is unclear, write Unknown and seek crop-specific advice before taking action.

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Scion packing checklist

One sheet per batch. Record source and condition before storage. Use crop-specific guidance and measure temperature beside the material.

Batch ID / cultivar

Unknown

Source / mother-tree ID

Sample-01

Collected / received (MM/DD/YYYY)

09/15/2026

Quantity / bag ID / storage location**MARK Y = YES, N = NO, ? = NOT CHECKED**

- ☐ Identity, source and collection / receipt date recorded
- ☐ Bag label matches this batch record
- ☐ Bag and packing checked for cleanliness and standing water
- ☐ Thermometer checked beside the stored material
- ☐ Material kept away from ripening produce and freezing surfaces
- ☐ Checked for mold, shriveling, softness and bud movement

Measured temperature + unit (F / C), packing condition and corrective action

Example observation note

No boxes are pre-approved. A completed checklist does not certify viability, disease freedom or a universal storage life.

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Compare two nursery offers

Ask both nurseries about the same cultivar, rootstock and quantity. These are supplier claims, not our verification, ratings or endorsements.

Planting site / state

Plant / quantity wanted

Example garden

Question	Offer A - notes / evidence	Offer B - notes / evidence
Nursery / date / quote reference	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Exact scion cultivar & rootstock clone	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Bare rootstock or grafted tree?	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Size / caliper / quantity	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Site, support & irrigation advice	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Plant-health evidence supplied	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Delivery window / state restrictions	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Substitutions / damage / refunds	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified
Unanswered questions before ordering	Ask supplier; not verified	Ask supplier; not verified

Write Unknown for missing answers. Do not treat "dwarf" as an exact rootstock identity or a seller description as certification.

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Fruit tree bloom field diary

Use one site and season. Mark observations, not assumed flowering dates. A missed visit is unknown, not evidence that no flowers were open.

Site / state / year

Example garden

Observer / tree IDs

Sample-01

Date / time	Tree ID / cultivar	Open flowers? Y / N / ?	Weather / insects / photo ID
09/15/2026	Sample-01	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-02	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-03	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-04	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-05	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-06	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-07	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-08	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-09	?	Example: dry; photo 01
09/15/2026	Sample-10	?	Example: dry; photo 01

Observation gaps / frost or weather events

Example: dry; photo 01

Context: USA National Phenology Network: observation guidance. Original SimpleButHow layout; no institutional endorsement.

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Backyard orchard tree register

Give every tree a stable ID. Record documented cultivar and rootstock names; write Unknown when evidence is missing. Keep a source label or receipt.

Orchard / site / state

Example garden

Updated (MM/DD/YYYY)

09/15/2026

Tree ID / position	Cultivar / species	Rootstock clone	Planted date / source
Sample-01	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-02	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-03	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-04	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-05	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-06	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-07	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-08	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted
Sample-09	Unknown	Unknown	Not yet planted

Missing identity records / replacements / removed trees

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