

1.4.2 Pomegranate:

Table 6 pomegranate identification

Scientific classification	
Kingdom	Plantae
(unranked)	Angiosperms
(unranked)	Eudicots
(unranked)	Rosids
Order:	Myrtales
Family:	Lythraceae
Genus:	Punica
Species:	P. granatum
Binomial name	
Punica granatum L.	
Synonyms	
Punica malus	

As seen in table 6 Pomegranate (punica granatum) from the family “Lythraceae”. Pomegranate fruit made its way into the news recently due to its huge reported benefits.(Arpita Basu, *et al.*.2009).

The plant Grown on shrub-like trees with orange flowers and glossy leaves from October to December. Its original native is Persian, and is cultivated in North Africa, Asia and especially in the Middle East.(Sarkhosh *et al.*, 2006).

pomegranate are consumed fresh or transformed into fresh juices, beverages, jellies and flavoring and coloring agents. (Oukabli *et al.*, 2004).

Historically; Pomegranates feature prominently in Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism.(Bashar Saad, *et al.*. 2011).

Pomegranate fruit is available around the year but freshly harvested between September to January. (California Rare Fruit Growers. Crfg.org. 2012; LaRue, *et al.*. 1980).