

Seminole

Seminole made a big impact on the New Zealand citrus scene when it was introduced in the 1960s but has since declined in popularity. The fruit is medium-large with intensely orange rind. The fruit is juicy and has an excellent spritely flavour from September to December.

Seminole has two major faults: it is not easy to peel and the flesh is very tender, making it messy to eat; it is also very susceptible to Alternaria brown spot. The trees are vigorous and bear heavily but alternately. Of all citrus cultivars grown in New Zealand, Seminole is probably the least susceptible to infestation by lemon tree borer.