## TARA VALLEY FACT SHEET How to tell the gender of your Paw Paw

There are three types of Paw Paw tree - Male, Female, and Bisexual. Males trees do not produce fruit, while Female trees do. However, Female trees require a Male tree to pollinate it in order to form fruit. Bisexual Paw Paw trees, on the other hand, are self-fertile and produce fruit without the need for additional trees.



Female Flower



Male Flower



Bisexual Flower

There is no way to tell the difference in the sex of the Paw Paw tree until it begins to flower. Male Paw Paw trees have flowers with a long tube and small petals, which form in clusters on the end of long flexible stalks.

Female Paw Paw flowers are on short stalks and are usually only single flowers. The female flowers are short and stocky, with a thicker tube than the males.

Bisexual tree either produce both male and female flowers, or have flowers that are a combination of the two.



Female

Male

**Bisexual** 

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