

# QUINCE

## CYDONIA OBLONGA



LITTLE GROWN IN MODERN TIMES, QUINCE WAS ONCE KNOWN AS THE 'GOLDEN APPLE' OF THE ANCIENTS, DEDICATED TO DEITIES AND LOOKED UPON AS THE EMBLEM OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS. THE FRAGRANT, GOLDEN FRUIT WERE INVALUABLE TO EARLIER FOLKS AS A SOURCE OF PECTIN FOR PRESERVING AND AS A DELICIOUS INGREDIENT IN COOKED FRUIT DISHES AND QUINCE WINE OR HARD CIDER. A BEAUTIFUL SMALL TREE WITH LARGE, CUP SHAPED BLOSSOMS, IT IS EASILY CULTIVATED AND REQUIRES FAR LESS EXACTING CONDITIONS FOR FRUIT PRODUCTION THAN EITHER APPLES OR PEARS, TO WHICH IT IS RELATED. WELL ADAPTED TO HOT, DRY CLIMATES, IT IS KNOWN TO NATURALIZE WELL IN THE GARDEN, AND PRODUCES ITS LARGE PERFUMED FRUIT WITHOUT A POLLENIZER TO 12-15' TALL.

SUN TO LIGHT SHADE

ZONES 5-9

