

CHAPTER 7

FRUITY-SCAPE: Fruits In Landscape

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Landscape is the environment experienced by individuals which includes the flora and fauna, and the patterns of human activities. It is an interaction between natural resources and human needs comprising an appreciation of beauty and aesthetic values, ecology and history of the area. This chapter discusses three aspects of the fruit trees in different landscape areas which relate to the fruity-scape of the area.

Firstly as in the heritage garden in Malaysia. The study shows that fruit trees are normally found in the traditional Malay garden. The trees are important elements of the planting composition of the garden and at the same time possess meaning and symbolism which normally relates to the household past events and occasions. It is usually used to demarcate boundaries, date of birth and significant events.

Secondly fruit trees are also found in residential areas and in public spaces. This is in particular in the low and medium cost residential

areas. They have special interest in the fruit species and normally have changed the planted amenity trees surrounding their residential area with fruit trees. Through a study; it is noticed that the *Mangifera indica* (Mango) is the species most preferred by the residents.

Thirdly fruit trees found in the Malaysian forest. It is one of the important domestic raw food supplies for humans as well as animals. The survival of the forest animals depends on these edible landscapes available in the forest. Some of the animals' diet relies on this fruits.

Hence fruit trees are an essential part of the whole living environment and landscape. It plays an important role in our lives and other living things. At the same time it adds value to our memories and excitement as well as to the ecosystem.