Tropical and subtropical plants grow in tropical jungles around the world. These plants often produce stunning blooms in a range of colors, and bring a unique and exotic feel to their growing environment. Although they hail from moist areas, many tropical and subtropical plants require warmth more than moisture. Some species of tropical plants are therefore quite easy to grow in warm, non tropical areas. One of the great characteristics of tropical plants is that they keep growing all season. There are thousands of tropical and subtropical fruits and flowers. The tropics have the capacity to produce large quantities of fruit and international trade is adding new kinds as rapid shipment possibilities increase. Some tropical fruits such as the banana, mango and pineapple are now as familiar as the apple and pear in temperate regions. Other examples of tropical fruits are grape, papaya, litchi, guava, coconut etc. In comparison with fruits of temperate regions, many tropical species have been much neglected in international markets. Citrus cultivation is carried out on a large scale. Citrus is grown worldwide although they are tropical plants so that most of the commercial groves are in subtropical regions. It is usually grown at sea level where sufficient moisture is readily available, or under irrigation. Any well drained soil, except an extremely sandy one, is suitable. The fruits ripen at different times of the year depending on the species and variety. There are various kind of tropical flowers; Aster (Callistephus chinensis), Jasmine ( Jasminum sp.), Calendula (Calendula officinalis), Carnation (Dianthus caryophyllus), Lily (Lilium spp.), Narcissus (Narcissus spp.), Orchids and many more. Flowers require sincere, patient, soft, affectionate as well as expert handling. Most houseplants are tropical plants. That’s why they do so well indoors, at temperature levels humans find comfortable in their homes, around 60 F to 90 F. More technically, tropical plants are defined as all vegetation growing in a wide band around the equator between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. Just north and south of that band are the subtropical areas, also rich in plants of interest to our group.

This book basically deals with seed propagation extraction and handling, effect of seed treatment and temperature on germination, vegetative propagation, effect of rootstocks on mineral composition, type of cutting, growth substances and season, postharvest management of fruits and vegetables, factors affecting postharvest life of flowers, postharvest management of flowers, postharvest management of spices, postharvest management of plantation crops, control of ripening process, pelletization, transportation, storage etc.

Plant propagation is an important aspect of agriculture in general and horticulture in particular. This book contains new methods for cultivation of tropical, subtropical fruits and flowers. The book is very useful for agriculture universities library, consultants, new entrepreneurs, plantation companies, farmers who wants to update their knowledge and adopt new cultivation techniques.
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Effect of Seed Treatment and Temperature on Germination
Seed treatment to control Fungal diseases
Polyembryony
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Air-Layering
Budding
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Selection, Preparation and Storage of Budwood
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Age of Rootstock and Height of Budding
Wrapping Material and Lopping
Decline of Dudded Tree
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Effect of Rootstocks on Tree-size, Yield and Quality of Fruits
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Disease and Pest Resistant Rootstocks
Frost-resistant Rootstocks
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China Aster
Chrysanthemum (annual)
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Clarkia
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Cornflower
Cosmos
Daisy
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Dimorphotheca
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Gaillardia
Garden Poppy
Gazania
Godetia
Gomphrena
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Linaria
Lupin
Marigold
Matricaria

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Myosotis
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Nigella
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Petunia
Phlox
Portulaca
Primula
Rudbeckia
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Coconut Cream
Coconut Milk Powder
Virgin Oil
Medium/low-fat, Desiccated Coconut
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Coconut Syrup
Coconut Honey
Tender coconut water
Coconut Byproducts
Coconut Water
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Bird-of-paradise (Strelitzia reginae)
Calendula (Calendula officinalis)
Carnation (Dianthus caryophyllus)
Freesia (Freesia refracta)
Gerbera (Gerbera jamesonii)
Gladiolus (Gladiolus spp.)
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Lily (Lilium spp.)
Narcissus (Narcissus spp.)
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