

# Local Fruit Vertical Poem

*Write a vertical poem about the fruit of St. Martin!*

Local fruits are part of St. Martin's natural heritage. They are also part of cultural heritage, the special traditions of St. Martin. Our fruits are part of local agricultural, food and bush tea traditions. Did you know many fruits, or parts of the plants and trees they grow on, are also used for bush tea? That's an important part of local cultural heritage.

Guava, sea grape, guavaberry, sugar apple, soursop and water lemon are all native fruits. That means they are originally from St. Martin. Other fruits like mango, banana and kinnip are not native, but people have grown them here for a long time.

To create your poem, first, pick what fruit you want to write about! Write its name vertically. Then, use the letters one by one to start each line of your poem.

Do it like this:

**S** \_\_\_\_\_  
**O** \_\_\_\_\_  
**U** \_\_\_\_\_  
**R** \_\_\_\_\_  
**S** \_\_\_\_\_  
**O** \_\_\_\_\_  
**P** \_\_\_\_\_

Here's an example:

**S**weet with spikes  
**O**f sour  
**U**nique on my tongue, loved  
**R**oots to treetop, even your leaves  
**S**teeped give sleep  
**O**nce again, grateful to those who  
**P**lanted you