

Hedge Apples (Hedge Balls) (Osage Orange)



What are Hedge Balls?

They also go by the name of Osage Orange or Hedge Apples. They are grown on a tree which is commonly used as a wind break for fields. They are generally the size of an orange but can get to be the size of a grapefruit. They have a hard bumpy, light green skin. They are not edible. They are grown basically south of the Iowa border.

What people use them for:

There is no scientific proof, however many people say that they repel spiders, roaches, water bugs and rodents from the area. One study done by Iowa State University indicated that German Cockroaches seemed to stay away from them. Many old-timers and early settlers had outlined their fields with the Osage orange trees making a tight hedge.

How people use them:

Put them on a piece of foil, and place them in a problem area. Maybe near a door or in the garage. Over a two month period or so, they do dry out and might leak some liquid. They will shrivel up and turn brown over time.

Season: From August to November.

Important Notice:

BoB's Produce does not make any claims that Osage Oranges (Hedge Apples) will repel bugs or rodents.



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