

Battleford

Lineage: Russian Origin

Introduced by: Murray Sommerville 1934



Notes: Fruit 7cm, pale green, striped red with bloom. Flesh white coarse and crisp, slightly tart. Will bruise from early summer hail. Good dessert, fair cooking and keeping. Moderate yield. Not dependably productive. A standard against which new apples have been evaluated. Note: Lloyd released Battleford in 1940 as Battleford No.1. "Obsolete" says Coutts, "Susceptible to FB. Good breeder." [FB3 H2](#)
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Originated at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, by Murray Sommerville as Battleford #1, one of three seedlings, and introduced in 1934. The tree is moderately vigorous, round and upright with a tendency to produce narrow weak angles. It is hardy to Zone 2a, very susceptible to bud moths, and moderately resistant to fire blight. The fruit is 7 cm (3") in diameter, round to oblong conic and matures in late August to early September. The skin is moderately thick, greenish-yellow, mottled and streaked with dull red. The flesh is yellowish and somewhat coarse, sub-acid but pleasant. It is fair to good for fresh

eating and cooking, and stores for 4 weeks.

-Prairie Apple Cultivars, Peters

Believed to be selected from Russian seedlings growing near Battleford, Saskatchewan, this variety was removed from the recommended list because of lack of hardiness, but would appear to be satisfactory for Zone 3B and possibly very sheltered locations in Zone 4

-Hort Facts, Nelson, 1976

Tree very hardy but subject to fire blight. Fruit above medium size; long conic, pale yellow, striped and washed dull red; flesh somewhat coarse, subacid, pleasant; quality fair to good; season late August and early September.

-Tree Fruits Grown in Prairie Orchards, Leslie, 1946

A medium to large, green-red striped apple with only fair dessert quality but good for cooking. This cultivar should be grown in sheltered locations as it lacks some hardiness.

-Hort Facts, Stushnoff, 1985

