

Peach vs Nectarine (vsdiff.com)

Characteristic	Peach	Nectarine
Botanical identity	<i>Prunus persica</i> with fuzzy epidermis	<i>Prunus persica</i> glabrous (smooth) skin
Skin texture	Fuzzy, variable fuzz density	Smooth, hairless
Genetic basis	Allele(s) that produce <i>fuzz</i> (single-gene major effect)	Mutation or allele variant causing <i>glabrous</i> skin
Typical texture	Often juicier, softer when ripe	Generally firmer, denser flesh
Flavor profile	Often aromatic, floral-sweet nuances	Tangier, sometimes more concentrated sugar-acid balance
Common uses	Eating fresh, canning, desserts	Fresh eating, grilling, slicing
Storage & handling	More delicate; bruise-prone	Firmer skin tolerates handling slightly better
Major growing regions	China (origin), US (CA, GA), Mediterranean	Similar regions; many shared cultivars

Source: <https://vsdiff.com/peach-vs-nectarine/>