**There’s More than Coconuts and Bananas?**

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Have you ever wondered if there’s more fruit in Hawaii then coconuts and bananas? Keep on reading and you’ll find out about three more exotic fruits in Hawaii. Such as the Rambutan, Dragon fruit and the Surinam cherry.

First off, there’s the Rambutan (Ram-boo-tan). A Rambutan is an egg sized fruit with soft spikes. The Rambutan is as colorful as a paint factory that exploded on a white wall. It’s colors range from red to orange. (Avoid brown) Once you peel off its leathery skin called rind it will reveal a translucent meat that is soft and juicy. This strange fruit is packed with vitamin C, magnesium, calcium, and iron. One turn down about this fruit is it doesn’t last very long, but that won’t matter when your scarfing them down by the handful at how delicious they are.

Another interesting fruit is the Dragon fruit. Now stop screaming it’s not going to breathe fire. The dragon fruit comes in unusual colors. From green to purple and even pink. This scary sounding fruit is a cactus that is crunchy and sweet. People say it’s supposed to taste like a combination of a pear and a kiwi. The Dragon fruit is filled with vitamin C and calcium. It is also one of the most nutritious fruits in the world.

Lastly, there’s the Surinam cherry ( Sur-in-e-um). Which surprisingly isn’t even a cherry. However it has the size of a cherry and the groves of a pumpkin. This fruit sweet and sour. Red and black cherries tend to be more sweet and yellow and orange tend to be more sour. Usually the Surinam cherry has one or two seeds in the middle. The Surinam cherry is over flowing with vitamin C and vitamin A. This fruit can also relive stomach pain. Another interesting fact for any farmers out there is that this fruit can survive periods of drought.

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