FALLEN FRUIT

People search their cities and neighborhoods for unused or unwanted things: litter, refuse... even food. Fallen fruit is often overlooked (either after it's fallen to the ground or while still on the tree). It can be harvested, gleaned, or just observed.

HOW TO CREATE A FRUIT MAP
1. Find a neighborhood with lots of fruit growing in or over public space.
2. Trace an outline of the streets and place little symbols for the fruit trees.
3. Share with your friends.

The Fallen Fruit Collective started when 3 artists (David Burns, Austin Young + Maximo Neira) began examining the space between houses in their Los Angeles neighborhood. They quickly discovered over 100 fruit trees in a five block area offering organic public fruit year-round. They mapped this resource and shared it with others.

"Urban Foraging is a treasure hunt."

(Note: These maps should be suggestive and playful, not overly precise, and used to encourage people to explore their own neighborhoods.)

Sunset Junction Back Alley
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People rarely eat the fruit growing in their own gardens. They simply assume it's somehow not as good as fruit from the market. That two block journey...