**Topic: Variegated grapefruit variety**

**Question:** Can you look at my ruby red grapefruit leaves and tell me what may be wrong with them? We planted the tree a year old and it has just now begun to really grow. We had not noticed these strange leaf colors before.

  Thelma, Fort Myers

**Answer:** There are a couple of red grapefruit varieties that have blotchy chlorotic areas on their leaves. If the chlorotic leaves are on a branch near the ground level and are not scattered throughout the canopy, then the most likely cause is herbicide damage. If not, consider this a genetic trait.

![Front of leaves](image1)

![Back of leaves](image2)

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