Common Foods & Flavors of the Asian Heritage Diet

Vegetables & Tubers:

bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, bitter melon, bok choy, broccoli cabbage, carrots, daikon, eggplant, leeks, lettuce, lotus root, kale, kombu, mushrooms mustard greens, peppers, seaweed, snow peas, spinach, sweet potatoes, taro root, turnips, water chestnuts, yams

Grains:

barley, breads (dumplings, chapatis, mantou, naan, roti), buckwheat, millet, noodles (rice, soba, somen, udon), rice

Fish & Seafood:

abalone, bonito, clams, cockles, crab, eel, king fish, mussels, octopus, oysters, roe, salmon, scallops, sea bass, shrimp, squid, tuna, whelk, yellowtail

Fruits:

apricots, bananas, cherries, coconut, dates, dragon fruit, grapes, kiwifruit, kumquat lemons, limes, longan, lychee mandarins, mangoes, mangosteen, melons, milk fruit, oranges, papaya, pears, pineapple, plums, pumpkin, rambutan, tangerines, yuzu

Herbs & Spices:

amchoor, asafoetida, basil (Thai), cardamom, chiles, clove, coriander, curry leaves, fennel, fenugreek, galangal, garlic, ginger, ginseng, lemongrass, makrut lime leaves, masala, mint, parsley, pepper, scallion, star anise, turmeric, wasabi

Meats:

beef, pork

Nuts, Seeds & Legumes:

almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, peanuts, sesame seeds beans (adzuki, edamame, mung, soybeans), lentils, miso, tempeh, tofu

Poultry, Eggs, & Dairy:

chicken, duck, quail, chicken eggs, duck eggs, quail eggs, ghee, paneer, yogurt (chaas, lassi), non-lactose: almond milk, rice milk, soy milk

Sweets:

treats made with fruits, nuts, whole grains, and minimal sugars, Chinese mooncakes, Indian rice pudding, Japanese sugared sweet potatoes, Thai mango-coconut pudding

