Town & Country gardens

Early Gold Pear

Pyrus ussuriensis 'Early Gold'



Early Gold Pear fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Ussurian Pear

Description:

A hardy pear tree with clouds of showy white flowers in spring, good fall color and consistent oval shape; small high quality greenish fruit is good for fresh eating; fallen fruit can be messy, but self-pollinating and very resistant to fireblight

Edible Qualities

Early Gold Pear is a medium-sized tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces chartreuse oblong pears (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with hints of gold and white flesh which are usually ready for picking in early fall. The pears have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The pears are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Canning

Features & Attributes

Early Gold Pear is draped in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The fruits are showy chartreuse pears with hints of gold, which are carried in abundance in early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

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This is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Early Gold Pear is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Early Gold Pear will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.