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Ure Pear

Pyrus 'Ure'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Ussurian Pear

Description:

One of the hardiest pear trees for cold climate orchards, featuring frothy white flowers in spring and good fall color; small firm yellowish-green fruit are best for canning; fallen fruit can be messy, but self-pollinating and very resistant to fireblight



Ure Pear fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Edible Qualities

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

The pears are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Preserves
- Canning



Ure Pear flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Features & Attributes

Ure 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 yellow, which are carried in abundance from late summer to 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 deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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, Ure Pear is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Ure Pear will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.