Whitehouse Ornamental Pear

Pyrus calleryana 'Whitehouse'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Callery Pear

Description:

A wonderful front yard feature tree with a symmetrical columnar habit of growth, ideal for smaller home landscapes; this tree is blanketed in showy white flowers in spring, followed by small inedible fruit, good fall color; resistant to fireblight



Whitehouse Ornamental Pear flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Whitehouse Ornamental Pear is blanketed in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The fruits are showy yellow pomes displayed in late summer.



Whitehouse Ornamental Pear in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Whitehouse Ornamental Pear is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 tree 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
- Disease

Whitehouse Ornamental Pear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Whitehouse Ornamental Pear will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 40 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.