Gladiator Ornamental Pear

Pyrus calleryana 'Gladzam'



Gladiator Ornamental Pear
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Callery Pear

Description:

A nicely conical accent tree for home landscape use, featuring a multitude of showy white flowers in spring; inedible dark red colored fruit in late summer, excellent yellow to red fall color

Ornamental Features

Gladiator Ornamental Pear is bathed in stunning clusters of white flowers with pink anthers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The fruits are showy coppery-bronze pomes displayed in late summer.



Gladiator Ornamental Pear flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Gladiator Ornamental Pear is a dense deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gladiator Ornamental Pear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Gladiator Ornamental Pear will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 50 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.