Ussurian Pear

Pyrus ussuriensis

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

The hardiest species of pear, smothered in showy white flowers in spring, good fall color and consistent oval shape, very ornamental; low quality fruit is best for canning, fallen fruit can be messy, but self-pollinating and very resistant to fireblight



Ussurian Pear flowers
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Ornamental Features

Ussurian Pear is clothed in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The fruits are showy yellow pomes displayed in early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.



Ussurian Pear in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Ussurian Pear 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 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

Ussurian Pear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Ussurian Pear will grow to be about 35 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 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 species is not originally from North America.



Ussurian Pear in fall
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