Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat

Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Callery Pear

Description:

A tall accent tree covered in attractive white flowers in spring followed by small inedible fruit, good fall color and a beautiful and symmetrical pyramidal shape, very ornamental and resistant to fireblight

Ornamental Features

Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat is smothered 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 orange in the fall. The fruits are showy yellow pomes displayed in late summer.

Landscape Attributes

Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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 tree will require occasional maintenance 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

Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat in bloom
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- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat 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 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.



Pear, (Ornamental) Aristocrat in fall
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Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (4) The ornamental pear produces small, green pea-size berries, that turn red-brown in the fall and persists into winter, that birds like. Berries can be scooped up and bagged. Blooms and leaves can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.