Pear, (Ornamental) Capital

Pyrus calleryana 'Capital'



Pear, (Ornamental) Capital in bloom
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Height: 35 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Callery Pear

Description:

A narrowly upright specimen tree that's covered in attractive white flowers in spring followed by small inedible fruit, good fall color, distinctive symmetrical form is excellent for skyline articulation; can be susceptible to fireblight

Ornamental Features

Pear, (Ornamental) Capital is covered 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.

Landscape Attributes

Pear, (Ornamental) Capital 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

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

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Pear, (Ornamental) Capital will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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.

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.