Pear, (Ornamental) Chastity

Pyrus 'NCPX2'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A broadly pyramidal tree perfect for home landscapes or use as street planting; dark green foliage put on a spectacular display in the fall with shades of red and orange with purple highlights; white flower clusters blanket the tree in mid spring



Pear, (Ornamental) Chastity in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Pear, (Ornamental) Chastity is bathed in stunning clusters of white flowers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy heart-shaped leaves turn outstanding shades of orange, red and burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Pear, (Ornamental) Chastity 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.

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

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



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Planting & Growing

Pear, (Ornamental) Chastity 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 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 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. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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.