Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf)

Pyrus pyrifolia 'Nijisseiki'



Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) fruit
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Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) flowers
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Asian Pear, Twentieth Century, Sand Pear

Description:

The most popular Asian pear by far, and among the most ornamental too; consistently produces loads of delicious oblong to rounded yellow-green fruit in summer, flowers render the tree a white-out in spring, orange-red fall color

Edible Qualities

Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces yellow round pears (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with hints of red and white flesh which are usually ready for picking in late summer. The pears have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The pears are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating

Features & Attributes

Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) is clothed in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding tomato-orange in the fall. The fruits are showy yellow pears with hints of red, which are carried in abundance in late summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a 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 plant 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

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping



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Planting & Growing

Pear, 20th Century (Semi Dwarf) will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

Growing fruit trees is a very tasty and rewarding food source, it does take time, energy and devotion to maintain so if you are up for the task. Nectarine & Peach trees are a fruit that takes less care here in the Columbia Basin see our website, go to products then fruit trees click on Peaches & Nectarines for our care guide