



EUROPEAN PEARS

For the home garden pears are thought to be among the most manageable trees, as well as being prized for their ornamental value. Pears are also more tolerant of heavy, wet soils than most fruit trees, making them a good choice for western Oregon.

The fruit of European pears is delicious eaten fresh and can be easily dried or canned. The fruit must be picked before ripe and ripened off the tree. In order to tell the right picking time, wait until a full size fruit falls off the tree. Look for a black ring marking the joint between the stem of the fruit and the spur. If there is a black ring, gently lift and twist the fruit. A mature pear should easily separate from the spur. Another test is the subtle shift in color from green to pale green or golden green (the flesh should still be hard).

ANJOU	Large, conical, light green fruit with mild, fine textured, melting white flesh. Best after 2 months in cold storage. Ripens late September.
BARTLETT	Semi self-fertile , but higher yields with another variety (Except Seckel). Large, golden yellow fruit with a red blush. Smooth, juicy white flesh. Mid-Aug to mid-September.
BOSC	Med-large, deep yellow fruit. Tender, aromatic, juicy, fine textured, white flesh with rich, slightly acid flavor. Ripens early October.
COLETTE	Everbearing variety, blooms and sets fruit August to frost. Waxy, yellow skin blushed pink. Rich, aromatic, spicy flavor with smooth textured, white flesh.
COMICE	Blushing yellow fruit with juicy, firm, fine-textured flesh. Premium dessert pear, ripens late Sept. Best after a month in cold storage.
FLEMISH BEAUTY	Large, round, uniform fruit with red blushed yellow skin. Firm, white flesh is aromatic and sweet. Good choice for fresh eating and drying. Early and heavy bearer. Ripens mid-Sept. into October. Good pollinator for other varieties.
HIGHLAND	Large, smooth, lightly russeted yellow-green fruit. Juicy, smooth textured flesh is richly flavorful. Ideal dessert pear. Best quality develops after a month in storage.
LUSCIOUS	Self-fertile . Large to extra-large, elongated, yellow fruit blushed and striped in vivid orange and red. Creamy, buttery flesh with mild, sweet flavor and small core. Ripens Sept. and keeps into Dec.
MOONGLOW	Med-large, yellow fruit blushed pink. Juicy, soft, white flesh with mild flavor and no grit. Excellent fresh or canned, good keeper too. Ripens Aug-Sept, with peak flavor after a week or two in storage.
SECKEL	Self-fertile , but produces better crops if cross pollinated. (Cannot cross with Bartlett). Small, yellow-brown fruit with extremely sweet, very juicy flesh. Distinctive, rich, spicy flavor. Excellent all-purpose.
SUMMERCRISP	Yellow skin blushed red, with buttery, flavorful flesh. Vigorous, disease resistant variety from Bulgaria. Ripens early to mid-July.

BLOOM ORDER

Varieties in bold expected for 2021

Early	Mid	Late
Aurora	Anjou	Bosc
Bartlett	Colette	Comice
Butirra P. M.	Conference	Maxine
Highland	Flemish Beauty	Rescue
Moonglow	Reddy Robin	Seckel
Red Bartlett	Red Anjou	
Ubileen		

Although the blossoms are attractive to people, they are relatively unattractive to bees. Therefore pears should be planted next to each other, about 15' apart, for better pollination and production.

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