



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).

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| 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. |
| BUTIRRA PRECOCE MORETTINI | One of the best early varieties, with meltingly juicy, sweet, white flesh. Vigorous, heavy bearer, ripens 20 days before Bartlett. Good keeper too. Early August. |
| 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, yellow fruit blushed red. Tender, sweet, aromatic flesh perfect for slicing/drying. Good pollinator. Ripens late September. |
| MAXINE | Large golden fruit with crisp, grit-free white flesh. Great for fresh eating, canning, and preserves. Ripens late Sept. |
| MOONGLOW | Yellow fruit with a pink blush. Soft and juicy flesh. Ripens 2 weeks earlier than Bartlett. Ripens to peak flavor in cold storage 10-15 days later. |
| RED BARTLETT | A red sport of Bartlett with brown-red fruit maturing to bright red. Similar to Bartlett in most ways, but tree tends to be smaller. Mid-Aug. to mid-Sept. |
| REDDY ROBIN | One of the first interspecific hybrids between Japanese and Chinese pears to go commercial. Spherical, red blushed fruit looks like an apple but with the taste and texture of a pear. Crisp and juicy, with a mild, sweet, low acid flavor. |
| 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. |

Varieties in bold expected for 2018

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

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