



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 (blossoms and sets fruit Aug-frost). Waxy, yellow fruit with sweet, firm, aromatic, juicy flesh entirely free of grit. Very hardy, shapely tree.
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.
RED ANJOU	Red sport of Anjou with all the same, fine characteristics of the parent. Rich, maroon-red coloring heightens slightly in storage. Ripens late September.
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.
UBILEEN	Blushing yellow fruit with flavorful, buttery flesh. Vigorous, disease resistant tree matures at 15'. Ripens late July.

Varieties in **BOLD** expected for 2017.

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.

Early	Mid	Late
Aurora	Anjou	Bosc
Bartlett	Colette	Comice
Brandy	Conference	Maxine
Highland	Flemish Beauty	Seckel
Moonglow	Prem P-109	
Red Bartlett	Red Anjou	
Ubleen		

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