

# EUROPEAN PEAR VARIETIES

For the home garden pears are among the most manageable of fruit 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.

## BLOOM ORDER

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

**NOTE:** Although the blossoms are attractive to us, they are relatively unattractive to bees. Therefore pears should be planted next to each other, about 15' apart, for better pollination and production. Late blooming Asian pears may pollinize early blooming European pears, if their bloom time overlaps. 20th Century and Shinko are good candidates.

<b>ANJOU</b>	Large, conical, light green fruit with mild, fine textured, melting white flesh. Best after 2 months in cold storage. Ripens late September.
<b>BARTLETT</b>	<b>Semi self-fertile</b> , but higher yields with another variety ( <b>except Seckel</b> ). Large, golden yellow fruit with a red blush. Smooth, juicy white flesh. Mid-Aug to mid-September.
<b>BOSC</b>	Med-large, deep yellow fruit. Tender, aromatic, juicy, fine textured, white flesh with rich, slightly acid flavor. Ripens early October.
<b>BUTIRRA PRECOCE MORETTINI</b>	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.
<b>COMICE</b>	Blushing yellow fruit with juicy, firm, fine-textured flesh. Premium dessert pear, ripens late Sept. Best after a month in cold storage.
<b>FLEMISH BEAUTY</b>	Large, round, yellow fruit blushed red. Tender, sweet, aromatic flesh perfect for slicing/drying. Good pollinator. Ripens late September.
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	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.
<b>LUSCIOUS</b>	Vigorous, hardy tree produces med-size, bright yellow fruit. Juicy, firm flesh has sweet flavor, similar to Bartlett. Excellent dessert pear. Blight resistant, red fall color, ripens late September.
<b>MOONGLOW</b>	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.
<b>RED ANJOU</b>	Identical in every way to standard Anjou, but with a deep red skin color that deepens as it ripens. Sweet, mild flavor that peaks two weeks after picking. Great keeper at up to 8 months!
<b>RED BARTLETT</b>	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.
<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>Self-fertile</b> . 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.
<b>SECKEL</b>	<b>Self-fertile</b> , but produces better crops if cross pollinated ( <b>cannot cross with Bartlett</b> ). Small, yellow-brown fruit with extremely sweet, very juicy flesh. Distinctive, rich, spicy flavor. Excellent all-purpose.
<b>SUMMER-CRISP</b>	Extra cold hardy, early season pear from the U. of Minnesota. Small fruit is showy chartreuse blushed red, the flesh crisp and flavorful. Ripens in August, best eaten fresh and barely ripe.
<b>UBILEEN</b>	Yellow skin blushed red, with buttery, flavorful flesh. Vigorous, disease resistant variety from Bulgaria. Ripens early to mid-July.

