

ASIAN PEAR VARIETIES FOR 2024

Asian pears are a beautiful addition to the home garden. The trees have showy flowers, large, attractive leaves, beautiful bark, and nice fall color. Each variety has a different mixture of subtle flavors and is a refreshing treat for the palate.

BLOOM ORDER

EARLY	MID	LATE
Hosui	20 th Century	Korean Giant
Nitaka	Chojuro	Kosui
Raja	Shinseiho	Shinko
Seuri	Shinseiki	Shin Li

20th CENTURY (NIJISEIKI)	Partially self-fertile. Med-sized, round, yellow, thin skinned fruit with greenish mottling. Extremely juicy, crisp flesh with mild flavor. Ripens late Sept. and stores until January. Susceptible to <i>Pseudomonas</i> and black spot.
CHOJURO	Medium to large, flattened, brown russet, greenish fruit with thick skin. White, crisp flesh has apple-like flavor. Ripens in September.
HOSUI	Med-lg, juicy, fine-grained fruit with yellow-brown russet skin. The favorite in many taste tests. Vigorous tree, one of the best for the Willamette valley.
KIKUSUI	Also called “floating chrysanthemum pear”, the yellow-green fruit is slightly flattened, with creamy, white flesh packed with delicious, sweet-tart flavor.
KOREAN GIANT	Extra large, dark brown russeted, juicy fruits with excellent flavor weigh up to 1 lb. each! Keep up to 5 months when refrigerated, with even sweeter flavor over time. Ripens Oct-Nov.
KOSUI	Small to medium, light yellow fruit with a slight bronze russet. Crisp, juicy, crunchy flesh. Ripens from mid-July to early August and stores through Sept.
SHINKO	Med-size, oval, green-brown fruit with crisp, flavorful flesh. One of the best for storing. Ripens mid-October.
SHINSEIKI	Medium-large, round, yellow fruit has a medium-thick skin with crisp, white flesh and a mild, sweet flavor. Ripens late August and keeps well. Very resistant to <i>Pseudomonas</i> .

NOTE: For best tree health and fruit quality, thin these prolific fruits to one per cluster. For more tips, stop at our Info Desk for the *Apple and Pear Care Schedule* handout. Asian pears should be ripened on the tree, and harvest time varies by variety. When the estimated ripeness date is near, pick a pear and taste it! If it’s crisp, sweet and juicy, harvest time has arrived. Asian Pears retain their crispness long after harvest when properly stored, and can also be canned.

Early blooming European pears may pollinize late blooming Asian pears, if their bloom time overlaps. Bartlett, Maxie, and Ubileen are good candidates. Although the rootstocks used for Asian pears are the same as those used for European pears, Asian pears are smaller growing trees.

