

# EUROPEAN PEAR VARIETIES 2026

Pears are a great example of fruit that can be better grown at home, because you can harvest when they're just right. They're also more tolerant of heavy, wet soils than most fruit trees, making them a good choice for western Oregon. Ensure good air circulation for healthy leaves.

## BLOOM ORDER

| EARLY         | MID            | LATE   |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Bartlett      | Anjou          | Bosc   |
| Butirra P. M. | Colette        | Comice |
| Highland      | Conference     | Maxine |
| Moonglow      | Flemish Beauty | Rescue |
| Red Bartlett  | Red Anjou      | Seckel |
| Ubileen       |                |        |



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| <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 (except Seckel). 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 Oct.                                                                                        |
| <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 storage.                                                                                         |
| <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>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 (cannot cross with Bartlett). Small, yellow-brown fruit with extremely sweet, very juicy flesh. Distinctive, rich, spicy flavor. Excellent all-purpose. |
| <b>UBILEEN</b>                   | Yellow skin blushed red, with buttery, flavorful flesh. Vigorous, disease resistant variety from Bulgaria. Ripens early to mid-July.                                                                                        |

**NOTE:** Although the blossoms are attractive to us, they are not very attractive 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.