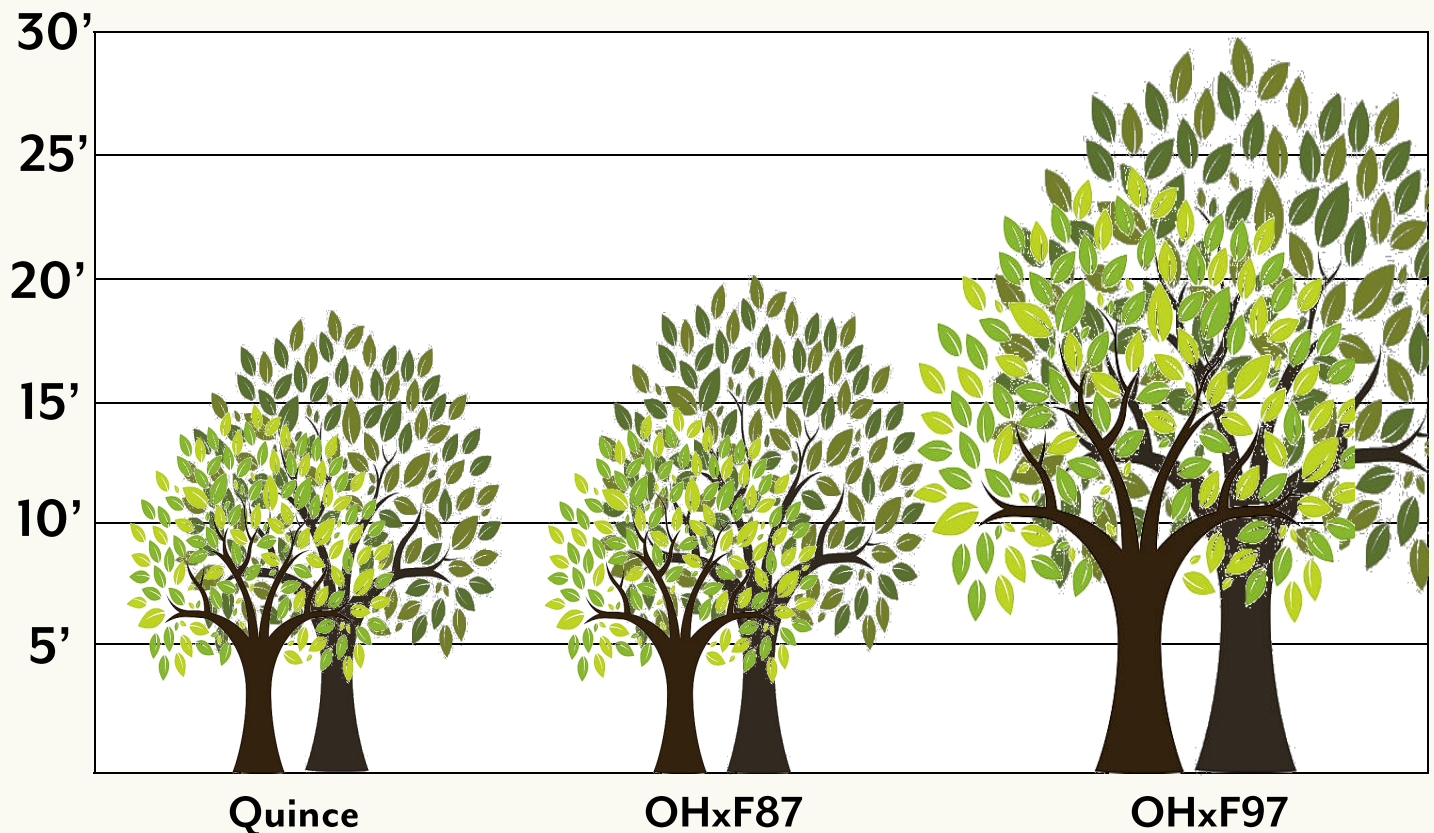


PEAR ROOTSTOCKS

Pear trees are grafted on to rootstocks to control size and for other reasons, including increased disease resistance. Asian and European pears use the same rootstocks.

Please be aware that not every variety will be available on each rootstock.



Both types of pears tend toward strongly upright growth, which will not yield a lot of fruit, nor put the fruit where you can reach it. Start training them young to have well-spaced branches that angle outward — the closer to a 45° angle from the trunk, the better. For more information, look for our *Pruning and Training Fruit Trees* handout, available at our Information Desk and on our website.