Korean Giant Asian Pear

Pyrus pyrifolia 'Korean Giant'



Korean Giant Asian Pear fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Don Bae Asian Pear

Description:

This upright, spreading tree produces very large, golden russeted, mid to late season fruit; flowers profusely in early spring, and presents a striking orange-red display in fall; has very good fireblight resistance



Korean Giant Asian Pear flowers
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Edible Qualities

Korean Giant Asian Pear is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large gold round pears (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with coppery-bronze overtones and white flesh which are usually ready for picking in late summer. The pears have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The pears are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating

Features & Attributes

Korean Giant Asian Pear is clothed in stunning clusters of white flowers with creamy white anthers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of red and in the fall. The fruits are showy gold pears with coppery-bronze overtones, which are carried in abundance in late summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Korean Giant Asian Pear is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Korean Giant Asian Pear will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.