

Callery's Pear

Pyrus calleryana



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Description

Typical height:
10-12 metres
(cultivars usually shorter)

Typical width:
4-8 metres

Growth rate:
Fast growing

Typical form:
Broadly pyramidal to
broad domed.

Origin

Korea and China

Characteristics

Large broadly ovate leaves, glossy green above, paler below. Spectacular autumn colours ranging from orange to red-crimson to burgundy. White flowers borne before or with the leaves. Bark lustrous brown when young becoming grey-brown and furrowed with age.

Tolerances

High pollution tolerance. Tolerant of heavy soils. Moderate to high tolerance of drought. Good urban tolerances and can adapt to small planting sites in paved areas. Susceptible to Fire Blight.

Facts and Trivia

Pear wood is prized for making woodwind instruments. Though a type of pear tree, it is an ornamental variety; the fruits being small and inedible to humans.