

# Pineapple Pear Tree



Produces large, russet-colored fruit with a crisp pineapple flavor  
Ripens in late summer  
Bears fruit in 2–3 years  
Blooms early in the spring, with white flowers  
Self-pollinating



## *Pyrus communis* 'Pineapple'

- **Use:** If you're a pear-lover, or just think pear trees are pretty, Pineapple Pear is a wonderful choice for both beginning gardener and expert. It provides the ornamental features of a pear tree in a hardy variety of tree (that some say is so easy to care for that it's hard to kill), with a fruit that is unique among pears in flavor. This pear tree will make a lovely addition to your backyard orchard. It produces fruit with a unique flavor profile — a combination of pear and pineapple— that is great for fresh eating, cooking, and canning. The tree is also resistant to fire blight.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Soil should be well-drained. Acidic soil is preferred, though it can tolerate a wide variety of soils. As long as it is properly established, it is moderately drought tolerant. **See UGA care guide on Home Grown Pears on the internet.**
- **Growth:** Fast grower to 20-25 ft. tall, 15ft. wide; smaller size is easily maintained with pruning. It is known for its hardiness and long life span, tolerating hot climates and drought.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Features attractive, dark green leaves which hold their color throughout the growing season.
- **Flower:** Each large pear possess' green coloring with russet overtones and a slight, scarlet blush. Pineapple Pear is a hard pear, with crisp flesh that is well suited to preserves, pear butter or tasty right off the tree. The flesh has a grainier nature than some, with a flavor that has been described as tangy with hints of pineapple and apple. It's a unique pear to be sure, and one that will certainly have you planting more trees in order to increase your yield.

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