

Orient Pear Tree



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The Orient is a leaf spot and blight resistant pear tree that produces large, semi-hard fruit. The pears are yellow, sweet, and juicy and when they ripen in late summer, can be used for canning.

Pyrus communis 'Orient'

- **Use:** This hybrid European pear cultivar is known for its intense beauty and heavy annual crops. The yellow fruit has juicy, melting, creamy flesh with a mild flavor — excellent for canning, desserts, salads, and fresh eating. The tree typically produces ripe fruit in mid-August or mid-September. Similar to many fruit bearing trees, the Orient is popular amongst wildlife. So you may be quarreling with squirrels and deer for your fair share of fruit.
- **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.
- **Growth:** It grows up to 20 feet high with an oval canopy and glossy green leaves, offering plenty of shade, but still small enough to plant as a landscape tree.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Features attractive, dark red leaves which hold their color throughout the growing season.
- **Flower:** Large, round and yellow in color, Orient pears still offer the familiar sweet taste of their European cousins. The fruit has a thick skin over a creamy, fine flesh with a sweet but mild flavor. Orient, Baldwin, Kieffer, and Spalding are at least partially self-fruitful, but much better fruit set with a pollinator. Please reference UGA article or a pollination chart. Bartlett, Kieffer, or Moonglow are a few of the possible matches. 350 chill hours

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