

Pyrus syriaca

(Syrian pear)

“The Syrian Pear has a round crown and reaches 10 meters in height. In winter, the tree loses its leaves, and in spring (March through April), it briefly stands out against the green background of the woodlands because of the abundance of its white flowers that bloom just as the leaves start to emerge. Unfortunately, this attractive white canopy of flowers produces an unpleasant smell. Later in spring, while the flowers are maturing into miniature pears and the green leaves are emerging in clusters on very short branches, At the end of summer (August through September) the small fruits ripen to a rusted gold color. Although tasty, the wild fruits are not eaten, because their flesh is too granular. In villages, fruits that fall from the tree are collected and fed to the goats.”

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Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name:	إجاص بري
Plant Type:	Tree
Origin:	Asia and Europe
Heat Zones:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones:	5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses:	Specimen, Edible, Wildlife, Native to Lebanon
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	Round
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Medium
Canopy Texture:	Medium
Height at Maturity:	8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity:	5 to 8 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire, Serrulate

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: Unpleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Yellow

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Grafting

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