

Botanical Name: Pyrus kawakamii

Common Name: Evergreen pear, Flowering pear

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen to partly deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright or irregular, single or multi-trunked tree, with spreading branches forming a rounded, fairly dense canopy; the plant develops a grayish-brown, deeply furrowed bark on the trunk and larger branches

Height 15-30' (40') Spread 3/4-equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun preferred; can tolerate shade at inland

Soil thrives if grown in well-draining loam; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,12-24); grows best in warm areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-elliptic or broadly oval; 3-6" long, serrate, with an aristate apex; dark glossy green above, paler beneath

Flowers white, 1/4-1/2" diameter, 5-petaled; in axillary and terminal clusters; January - February

Fruit the plant is mostly fruitless; if present, small 1" pome

Propagation: budding or grafting

Usage: an excellent accent tree prized for its graceful form and heavy winter display of white flowers; can be trained as an espalier or container plant; suitable as street tree or lawn tree; very messy

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; can tolerate some drought after established; suffers from salt burn on foliage in wet poorly drained locations

Fertilizing balanced in spring (after bloom), use iron for chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired; as a tree, head high and stake when young

Pests/Diseases bacterial fireblight (a very serious disease); aphids, scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Taiwan Family: Rosaceae