PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrus pyraster (L.) Burgsd.

GENUS *Pyrus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers - tea

The fruit are eaten fresh and used for drinks. They are ripened after harvesting. They are also used for jam. They are also used in pickles.
The flowers are dried and used for tea drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 9 m wide. The branches and twigs have thorns. The leaves are thin and oval. They are 5 cm long. The flowers are small and white. They have a scent. The fruit are small and pear shaped. They occur in clusters. They have brown speckles when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to Central and SW Europe. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

Name used for European wild relative of the cultivated pear

PICTURES



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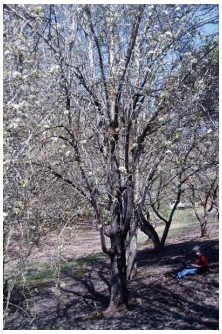

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