PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyrus salicifolia Pallas

GENUS *Pyrus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Willow leaf pear, Silver Pear

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for juice, Jam and sweets.

DESCRIPTION

A small deciduous tree. It grows 6-10 m high and 3.7-6 m wide. It is a broad weeping shape. The bark is pale grey-brown and cracks into smooth plates. The leaves are narrow and willow-like and are grey and felted but turn grey-green. They are 9 cm long by 2 cm wide. They taper to both ends. The flowers are creamy-white and in clusters. They are 2 cm across and have 5 petals and deep pink anthers. The fruit are pear shaped and hard and green. They are 3 cm long.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It is native to the Caucasus and N.E. Turkey. It grows on the edges of woods. It suits hardiness zones 4-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

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