

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Pyrus ussuriensis*

**Family:** Rosaceae (Rose)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** <25'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** No

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Pink to white

**Fruit:** Green to yellow pears

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Ussurian (Harbin) Pear

### Description

The hardiest of all pears, introduced from northeastern Asia. White flowers, semi-glossy foliage and dense, variably-rounded forms are of particular interest. The cultivars Prairie Gem® (an NDSU introduction) and Mountain Frost® are very hardy and widely adapted to North Dakota conditions. Although the largest Ussurian pear tree in North Dakota is 29 feet tall with a canopy spread of 24 feet, we still list it in the 'Short' category because it is often planted - and rightly so - beneath power lines.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun.

**Water:** Tolerates dryness.

**Soil:** Adaptable to many soil types.

### Comments

A very handsome ornamental tree that is among the least susceptible pear trees to fireblight which is a concern with all members of the *Rosaceae* family.

McDermid Pear (*Pyrus ussuriensis* 'McDermid') - Released by USDA-NRCS, Plant Materials Center, Bismarck, North Dakota as a cultivar seed strain. Tough enough for open conditions such as those found in windbreaks.

Credits: North Dakota Tree Selector Website.



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