

Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Pyrus salicifolia*

Common Name: *willow leaf pear*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *A small tree with dense but graceful branching, reaching 20 feet in height and spread.*



Leaves: *Elegant, silvery-gray foliage with narrow, willow-like leaves, 2 – 3 inches in length and ½ inch wide.*



Flowers: *Flowers are white and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch across but clustered in groups along the stems. The plant flowers after the leaves are present, so the flowers are not very showy, especially against the silvery foliage with lacks suitable contrast.*



Fruit: *This species produces small pears which are about 1 inch in length and greenish-yellow when mature.*



Coverage Area: *This is an introduced species and has not naturalized in the United States. It is only found in cultivation.*

Sources:

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