



Bradford Pear

Pyrus calleryana

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zone 2b – 9, 14-21	Full sun	Not at their best in shallow soil, but otherwise unfussy about soil	Moderate water	Profuse late winter, early spring show of white flowers	To 50 feet

Bradford pears are a variety of a pear native to Korea and China, *Pyrus calleryana*, which was first introduced to Western horticulture in 1908. The seedling which later became *Pyrus calleryana* "Bradford" was brought from Nanking in 1919, but it wasn't until 1963 that the USDA introduced the variety commercially. The tree was supposed to be the perfect street tree, with profuse early bloom, a restricted pyramidal shape, and good fall color. So many landscapers, urban planners, and homeowners agreed with your assessment of this tree's beauty that today it can be found almost everywhere.

while on the subject of cherry blossom trees, it's hard to pass over a couple of widely grown specimens with an upright (i.e., non-weeping) form.

*One of the most popular Japanese cherry trees in North America, *Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan', grows 15'-25' x 15'-25'. Its white to pink blooms will be most impressive when the tree is grown in full sun with good drainage. Zones 5-8.*