

# Callery Pear Cultivar Review

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Probably few cultivar sets spawn such emotion in community forestry as the Callery pears (*Pyrus calleryana*). These ornamental pears are widely planted, widely offered for sale, and the center for both positive and negative planting and management interests. The Bradford cultivar is especially loved and hated for its values and faults. As there are more types of ice cream than just vanilla, there are more Callery pear cultivars than Bradford. Each cultivar shares wind dancing foliage, rich colored summer leaves, red to burgundy colors of Fall, and brilliant white blooms of Spring. The Callery pear cultivars (and close associates) vary by their mature height, tendency to break under wind loads, and associated pest problems. Fire blight, a bacterial disease, is especially prevalent and disfiguring in some cultivars. This review list was designed to point out some of the most common cultivars and their basic landscape attributes.

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Note that a number of cultivars are patented with trademarked names. These designations are not noted and provided here. The internet can be used to find suppliers and more information about ornamental pear cultivars. The table below provides general information to familiarize yourself with cultivar names, relationships, and simple characteristics. This list should not be used alone as a purchasing guide. The crown shape and pest impact columns are defined at the end of the table.

cultivar name	mature height (ft.)	crown shape	pest impacts	comments
Aristocrat	45'	③	3	cold hardy
Autumn Blaze	40'	④	3	cold hardy
Avery Park	35'	②	2	
Bradford	50'	③	1	branch failures
Bursnozam Burgundy Snow	30'	③	2	flower centers burgundy



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Capital	35'	2	3	
Chanticleer	36'	2	2	cold hardy
Cleveland Select				
Glen's Form				
Stone Hill				
Stonehill				
Select				
Cleprizam	35'	1	2	pink young foliage
Cleveland Pride				
Earlyred	35'	1	3	good branching
Early Red				
Edgewood	30'	4	2	grey-green foliage
Edgedell				<i>P. calleryana</i> + <i>P. betulaefolia</i>
Fauriei	35'	3	3	slow grower
				<i>Pyrus fauriei</i> cultivar
Fronzam	35'	2	2	cold hardy
Frontier				
Gladzam	40'	1	3	fast growing
Gladiator				
Grant St. Yellow	35'	4	2	dense branching
Jaczam	20'	3	2	dwarf
Jack				
Jilzam	20'	4	2	dwarf
Jill				
Korean Sun	14'	4	2	hardiness zone 7 and smaller
Westwood				<i>Pyrus fauriei</i> cultivar
Mepozam	45'	3	2	
Metropolitan				

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Paradise Dancer Southworth	30'	③	2	gray-green foliage <i>Pyrus betulaefolia</i> cultivar
Pizazz Pzazz	35'	△1	2	<i>Pyrus betulaefolia</i> cultivar
Princess	30'	③	2	
Rancho	35'	△1	2	
Redspire Red Spire	45'	③	3	good branching, slow growth
Trinity Sylvania	30'	③	2	
Valzam Valiant	30'	③	2	
Whitehouse	35'	△1	3	bad leaf spot fire blight resistant poor growth performance

ALTERNATIVE CULTIVAR NAMES:		Jill = Jilzam
Burgundy Snow = Bursnozam	Metropolitan = Mepozam	
Cleveland Pride = Cleprizam	Pzazz = Pizazz	
Cleveland Select = Chanticleer	Red Spire = Redspire	
Dancer = Paradise	Select = Chanticleer	
Early Red = Earlyred	Southworth = Paradise	
Edgedell = Edgewood	Stone Hill = Chanticleer	
Frontier = Fronzam	Stonehill = Chanticleer	
Gladiator = Gladzam	Sylvania = Trinity	
Glen's Form = Chanticleer	Valiant = Valzam	
Jack = Jaczam	Westwood = Korean Sun	

