

The Longest Season of Delicious Pears with David Ulmer				
Season	Name	Description	Picking Time	Storage Advice
Very Early Varieties	Klementinka	A small, early-ripening pear from Bulgaria	Pick in early to mid-July	Eat immediately
	Ubileen Gift (usually called Ubileen)	A large-fruited, very good flavored early ripening pear from Bulgaria. Clapp Favorite x Klementinka.	Pick late July	Lasts for only a few days after picking so eat quickly.
Early Varieties	Harrow Delight	An early ripening fire blight resistant variety that ripens 2 weeks before Bartlett. Nice flavor.	Pick early to mid-August. Picked August 2, 2023	Ripen on the kitchen counter Eat within a week or two
	Butirra Rosata Morettini	Usually has a beautiful red blush with very fine flavor. This is a sister seedling to Butirra Precoce Morettini (BRM) that is sometimes grown in CA to sell before Bartlett.	Pick early August. It will ripen a week or so before Bartlett. Picked August 2, 2023	Ripen on the kitchen counter
	California	Originated in Davis, California, Agriculture Experiment Station, University of California. Introduced in 1975. Cross Max-Red Bartlett x Comice. Turns a nice Crimson Red when ripe. Good flavor.	Pick early-August. Picked August 7, 2023	It will ripen without refrigeration but is better if stored. Prime quality when removed from storage at 32 F and ripened in late October and November.
	Beierschmitt	One of my very favorite summer pears. I think better than Bartlett and is much less sensitive to fire blight.	Ripening season is about the same as Bartlett. Pick mid to late August. I picked the first on 8/12/2023, more on 9/1/2023 and last on 9/16/2023.	Ripens easily without refrigeration. It will store longer than Bartlett.
	Bartlett	The most widely grown pear in the world and is known as Williams or Williams bon Chretien everywhere outside of the United States. The poster child for fire blight. Enough said.	Matures and ready to pick mid to late August in Sebastopol.	Stores for a couple of months but will ripen without refrigeration. Like other pears, it often tastes best if refrigerated for a week or so.
	Nye Russet Bartlett	A russeted clone of Bartlett. I fruited it this year for the first time and picked it a little after Bartlett ripened. It is said to taste even better than Bartlett.	Pick late August-early September about a week after regular Bartlett. Picked first 8/14/2023.	Same as Bartlett
Mid Season Pears	Harrow Sweet	From the same breeding program as Harrow Delight. It has good fire blight resistance . It is the most precocious variety I have ever grown. It will try to set fruit in its second leaf so don't let it fruit when too young or the tree may "runt out".	Pick late August or early September about two weeks after Bartlett. I started picking selectively August 22, 2023 until September 12.	Best to refrigerate for a week or two. Eat late Sept. - Oct.

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	Beurre Hardy	One of the good autumn pears that was originally raised by M. Bonnet of Boulogne-sur-mer, France in 1820. It has some fire blight tolerance.	Pick early - mid Sept. Picked September 9, 2023 - more 9/11/2023 last 9/14	Best to refrigerate for a week or two Eat late Sept.- Oct.
	Potomac	A fire blight resistant mid-season pear with good fruit quality. Released in 1993 by the USDA. Moonglow x Beurre d'Anjou cross.	Pick late August - Early Sept. Picked almost all on September 9, 2023	It does not require chilling prior to ripening but it can be stored for up to two months.
	Warren	Our family's favorite. Discovered in Mississippi by my mentor T.O. Warren and released in the 1960s. It is very fire blight resistant . It is probably a sister seedling of and is very similar to Magness which was developed by the USDA's fire blight breeding program. Warren was never released by the USDA. It is pollen sterile so can not be used as a pollinator. It also often takes longer to start bearing fruit than most other pears - be patient.	Pick late August - Mid-September.	It will ripen without refrigeration but tastes better if refrigerated for at least a week. It will store for up to 3 months if picked when still firm.
	Magness	Very similar to Warren and also fire blight resistant . For some people, it ripens a week later but in my orchard, they ripen at almost the same time.	Same ripening as Warren.	Same ripening as Warren.
	Jana's Pear Probably Warren	Fire blight resistant . I grafted a CRFG scion in 2002 as Moonglow. Shared scions as Not Moonglow but now using the present name as it is Jana's Favorite.	Pick selectively in late August or early September starting about one to two weeks after Bartlett.	Same ripening as Warren.
	Seckel	Some say that it is the best pear from the new world. The date of discovery was approximately 1760 and it was introduced about 1815. Noted for sweet, aromatic, spicy flavor. Rates among the best in dessert quality. It has moderate fire blight resistance .	Pick early to mid-September and use into October	It does not ripen properly if picked prematurely and does not respond well to cold storage.
	Cold Snap tm aka Harovin Sundown	From the Canadian pear fire blight resistance breeding program - released in 2008.	Pick mid-late Sept.	Needs 3-4 weeks of refrigeration.
	Beurre Bosc	Beautiful pear. This is one of my favorites but unfortunately, my tree died of fire blight in 2022	Pick in mid-late September Multiple pickings necessary	Refrigerate for at least several weeks Eat into December Great cooking pear

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	Paragon	Originated at Medford, Oregon by F.C. Reimer, Southern Oregon Experiment Station. Max Red Bartlett x Comice cross was probably made in the 1950s. Not released until 2014 because it did not have the red color the breeders were looking for but it had such good flavor it was not removed from the research orchard.	Pick early to mid-Sept.	Best if refrigerated for at least a week.
	El Dorado aka Winkleman	Apparent Bartlett seedling discovered 1930s in El Dorado County, CA. Fire blight tolerant . Good flavor.	Pick late Sept. - early Oct.	Refrigerate until late Oct. - Nov.
	Dana Hovey	Originated in Roxbury, Mass. A probable cross of Winter Nellis and Seckel - introduced in 1854. Excellent small pear - we like it better than Seckel. Unlike Seckel, it stores well.	Pick early Oct.	Eat late Oct - Dec.
	Taylor Gold	Possibly a sport of Comice discovered in 1985 in New Zealand. For me, it matures earlier and does not save as long but it is a very good pear.	Pick mid to late Sept.	Eat late Oct. - Nov.
	Doyenné du Comice	The Royal Riveria pear of Harry and David. Thought by many to be the best-flavored desert pear. Seedling from Angers France c1840s. Came to the US in 1850. This variety can be a little difficult to grow. My 23 year old tree usually has a light crop. It is not fire blight resistant but strikes have been easy to manage.	Pick mid to Late Sept.	Eat late Oct - Dec. For our favorite dessert pears, we usually eat Warren/Magness/Jana's Pear until November and then switch to Comice.
	Barlow aka Erick's Pear	Local Sebastopol discovery 2000s. It seems to be a rootstock that regrew when the original tree died or was accidentally cut down. The original tree is very thorny but propagated trees seem to be becoming less so. Late ripening. Less fire blight sensitive than Bartlett.	Pick early - mid-Oct.	Eat Nov. - Dec.

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	Vicar of Winkfield	Found 1760 in France. Large pear that is best used for cooking.	Pick mid Oct.	Use late Oct - Nov.
Winter Pears	Belle Picarde	A very large French winter pear discovered 1850. A good dessert pear but especially good for cooking. It makes a superb delicious compote, cooking to a beautiful light pink.	Pick early Oct.	Refrigerate until at least December then eat/cook Dec. - Jan.
	Josephine de Malines	Excellent winter pear that should be grown more frequently. It has become our favorite pear to follow Comice. An old writer said, "If one winter pear only can be grown this should be selected." It is still grown in Australia as a winter pear.	Pick Oct.	Eat Dec. - Jan.