



Pyrus communis 'Beurré Hardy'



Height	4-8 m
Width	3-7m
Crown	narrow pyramidal, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, flowers in April
Fruits	edible fruits, green brown, rust brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	good, also on the coast
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem fruit tree, halfstem fruit tree, espalier fruit tree

'Beurré Hardy' is a strong-growing pear tree with a fairly narrow pyramidal, semi-open crown of 4-8 m in height. The stem branches do not branch very strongly. The tree flowers in the second half of April with white blossoms. 'Beurré Hardy' is not self-pollinating, which means that a tree of another pear variety should be nearby for good fruiting. Preferably, 'Charneux', 'Doyenné du Comice' or 'Gieser Wildeman' are used for this. The pears of 'Beurré Hardy' are large and have a firm, green-brown to rust-coloured skin. The flesh is soft and juicy. Beurré comes from the French beurre, meaning butter, and refers to the softness of the flesh. The flavour is very pleasantly sweet and aromatic. The pears are ready for picking in the second half of September. It is a typical hand pear with a short shelf life, mainly suitable for direct consumption. It has alternating fruiting years, so annual rich fruiting is not guaranteed.

'Beurré Hardy' was selected by the French nurseryman M. Bonnet, Boulogne-sur-Mer, around 1820 and entered the market about 10 years later. Hardiness zone 5b.