

Botanical name

# PYRUS BETULAEFOLIA 'SOUTHWORTH DANCER' Birch-Leaved Pear

Common name



## DESCRIPTION

**Typical height:**

6-7 metres

**Typical width:**

4-5 metres

**Growth rate:**

Moderate growth rate

**Typical form:**

Broadly pyramidal to ovate.

## CHARACTERISTICS

- Shiny green leaves that have serrated margins.
- New growth emerges as silver/grey leaves and in autumn they change to shades of yellow.
- White flowers bloom in spring in groups of 8-10.
- Bark is grey-brown.

## ORIGIN

Eastern Asia - Northern China. Open slopes and plains from sea level to 1800 metres.

## TOLERANCES

- High pollution tolerance.
- Tolerant of heavy soils and temporary inundation.
- Moderate to high tolerance of drought.
- Good urban tolerances and can adapt to small planting sites in paved areas.

## FACTS AND TRIVIA

This species has long been used as a rootstock for the cultivated pears by the Chinese, it is recently also being used as a rootstock in N. America and in Europe.

Though a type of pear tree, it is an ornamental variety; the fruits being small and inedible to humans.



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