

*Pyrus serotina* Rehd.

**Family:** Rosaceae

**Common names:** Wild pear, shiara, zarenth



**Fig.** *Pyrus serotina*

**Description:**

is found throughout the mid-hill region. It is a tall thorny, deciduous tree grows up to 8 to 10 metre in height. Bark is rough in texture and dark brown to black in colour. Leaves are stipulate, alternate in position with serrated margins. Leaves are ovate in shape with reticulate venation. Fruit is pome. It is yellowish brown in colour with rusty white spots on the outer surface. Seeds are dark brown and approximately 7 per fruit.

**Utilization:**

The fruits are edible. They are juicy so can be used for jam making. Shiara is used as a rootstock for pears.