



## AVOCADO PEAR

*(Persea amencana)*

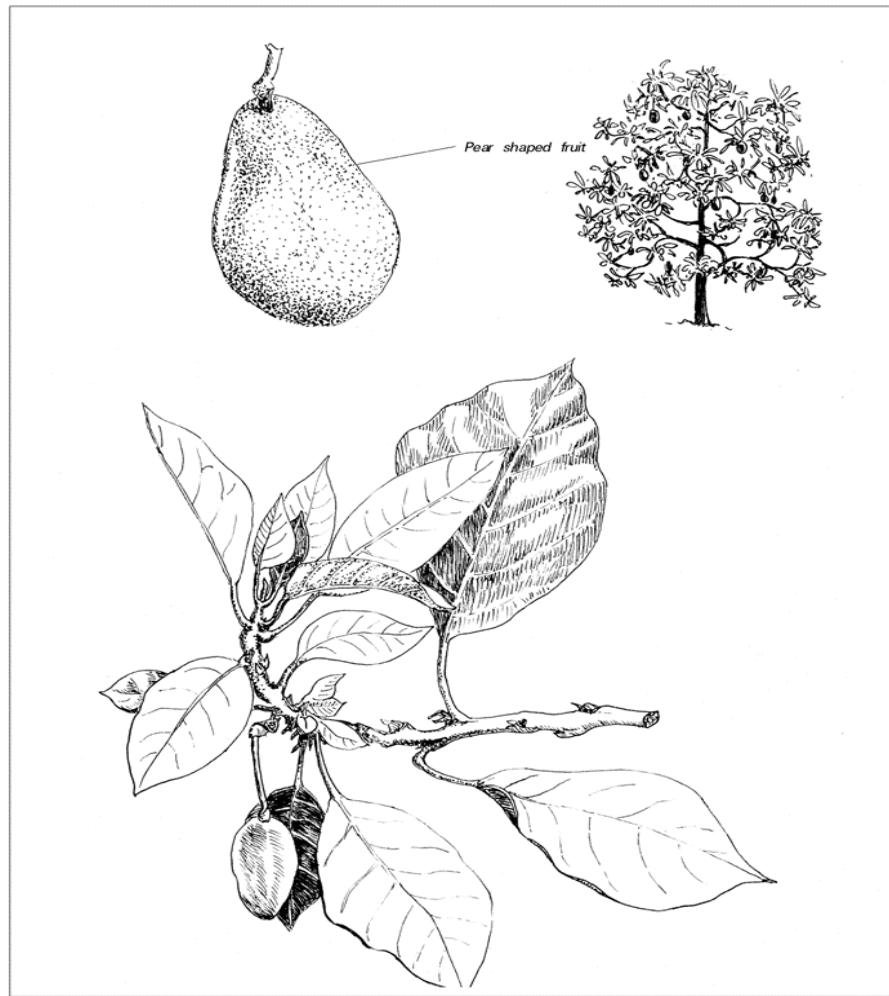
This tree is a native of tropical America, Mexico, Central America and the West Indies. In Jamaica we often speak of it simply as 'pear'.

There are several varieties of the avocado pear, one of the most popular being Simmonds. Most fruits ripen between August and October but a few varieties are “out-of-season” and their fruits mature between December and February.

The fruit is a favourite in our diet and is often eaten with bread or bun, as well as with a meal. It is also used in the cosmetic industry. There is some exportation of Avocado pears from Jamaica but it is not one of the main export crops. Avocados bruise easily so great care has to be taken when handling them.

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Family: <b>Lauraceae</b>	Species: <i>Persea americana</i>	Author: Mill
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Height: 14m	Habitat: Cultivated, sea level-1000m	Persistence: Evergreen
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