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Pyrus nivalis

[Synonyms : *Pyrus communis nivalis*]

SNOW PEAR is a deciduous tree. Native to south-eastern Europe it has small white flowers and leaves that turn dark red in Autumn.

It is also known as *Hrušeň sněhobilá* (Czech), Portuguese pear, *Snepære* (Danish), Snow tree, and Southern pear.

Nivalis is Latin (snowy, of snow) meaning 'snow-white or growing near snow' with reference to the whiteness of the young leaves.

The small, purple-dotted, yellowish-green fruit are still used to make a cider-like drink known as perry.