



Pome: the outer part of the fruit is fleshy and the center has papery or slightly hardened structures that enclose the seeds. Example: apple

An apple is an excellent example of a pome as described above. Crabapples (below) are just smaller versions of apples.



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Pomes, like these on hawthorn (*Crataegus*), are often mistaken for berries. Cutting them open would reveal the papery structures around the seeds, which would be lacking in a berry.



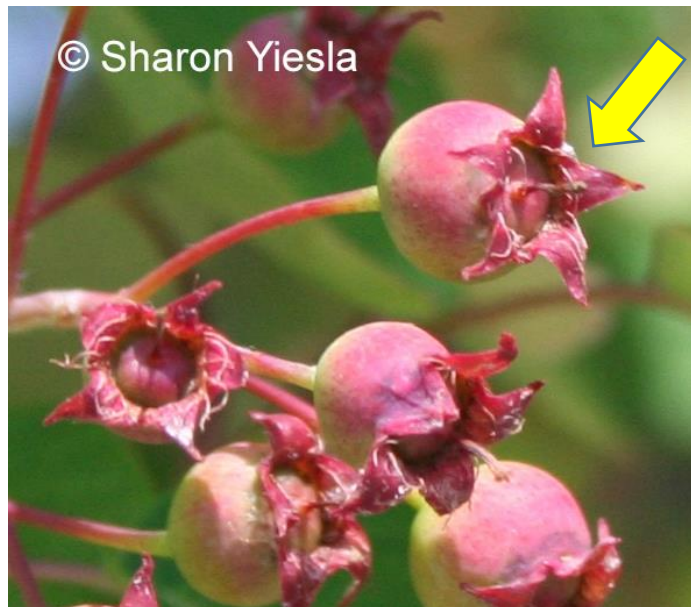
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Pomes do not have to be round. This pear (*Pyrus*) is also a pome.



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Pomes, like these developing serviceberries (*Amelanchier*), generally exhibit remnants of flower parts at the bottom of the fruit (arrow). This can also be seen in the hawthorn and crabapple pictures above.



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