

American Plum *Prunus americana*

Distribution: The American Plum is a small tree or large shrub that can be quite effectively used in the landscape in proper situations.

Growth: American Plum can grow to 20 to 30 feet tall. It has rapid growth with wide-spreading branches and grows well in outer rows of multiple-row windbreaks.

Adaptability: It requires a well-drained soil and a sunny location. American Plum is quite tolerant of drought and a fairly wide range of soil pH conditions.

Comments: This plum flowers profusely in late spring, making it an attractive addition to any planting. Plums can be used to make jams, jellies and pies. Its dense growth provides cover and nesting sites for many species of birds. Bears and songbirds, including robins, woodpeckers, grosbeaks, finches and waxwings, eat the fruit.

