

American Plum

Prunus americana



- **Plant Characteristics:** The wild plum is native tall shrub to small tree which is thorny, winter-hardy, and thicket-forming. Edible fruit used to make preserves and jellies.
- **Size:** Height: 8–20'
Width: 8–20'
- **Foliage:** Medium green changing to yellow or reddish in the fall.
- **Flower:** White, 1" diameter
- **Fruit:** Drupe, seed is a compressed stone. Turn yellow to red when mature. 1" diameter. Flowers from April to May.
- **Soil:** Adapted to a wide variety of soil types.
- **Tolerances:** Fair to good drought tolerance.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 3–8
- **Light Range:** Full sun to partial shade.
- **pH Range:** 5.5 to 7.5 pH
- **Other:** Suckers freely
 - Occurs in rocky or sandy soils in woodlands, pastures, abandoned farms, streams and hedgerows.
 - Used for windbreaks and riparian plantings.
 - Root system is somewhat shallow and wider than crown spread.
 - Rapid growth rate.