**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.