

American Plum

Prunus americana



Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	10 - 30 Feet
Spread	8 - 25 Feet
Form	Globular
Utilities	Compatible
Growth Rate	Moderate
Life Expectancy	Medium
USDA Zone	2 - 4a
Root Type	Fibrous Shallow

Plant Community

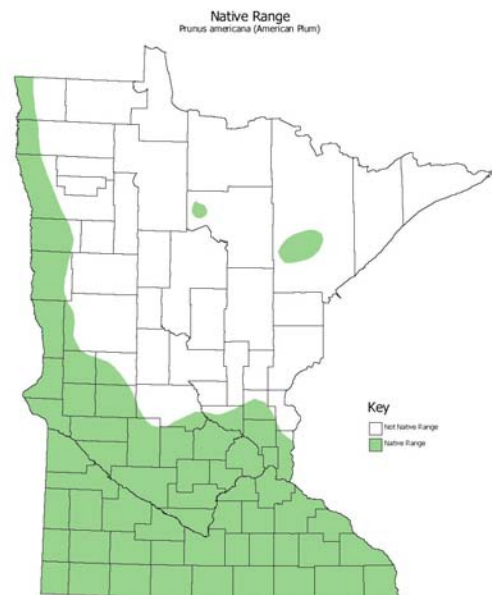
Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	All Orientations
Soil Texture	Loamy Sand through Silty Clay

Soil Water Holding Capacity Xeric or Mesic

Topography Upland

Plant Community Savanna, Open Cliff, Forest Edge or Old Field

Succession Pioneer



Origin MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota or North America

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Flowers/Foliage/Fruit

Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Drupe
Fruit Color	Red
Fruit Season	Summer

Summer Texture	Medium
Winter Texture	Medium
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Yellow
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable



Soils

Salt Spray	Sensitive
Soil Salt	Sensitive
Compaction	Intolerant
Water Table	24 Inches
Drainage	Excessive or Moderate
Flood Tolerance	Intolerant
Drought Tolerance	Tolerant
Moisture Regime	Dry, Moist or Wet
pH	6 through 8

Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Easy
Fall Bareroot	
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Windbreak Group WSG1K, WSG2, WSG2K, WSG3, WSG4L, WSG4F, WSG4C, WSG5, WSG6R, WSG6G, WSG7 or WSG9S

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Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2, 4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
DicambaTolerance	Sensitive
PicloramTolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	
Sulfur Dioxide	
Ozone Tolerance	
Hydrogen Flouride	Moderate
Nitrogen Oxide	

Pests/Problems

Allergens	both sexes 5-7 depending on species
Invasivness	Invasive
Toxicity	
Cold Injury	Infrequent
Storm Damage	Frequent

Biological Control

Mechanical Control

Chemical Control

Comments

Native plant that forms thickets. Prized for making preserves. Use for wildlife and naturalized plantings. Good roadside plant where salt use is not heavy. Used as a rootstock for cultivars.

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	High
Insect Concerns	Minor
Disease Concerns	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	Rabbits and mice