

***Prunus americana* - American Plum**

COMMON NAME: Wild Plum, American Plum

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Prunus americana* - *Prunus* is the ancient Latin name for plum.

FLOWER COLOR: White

BLOOMING PERIOD: Late April, early May

SIZE: Small tree between 15 and 20 feet high with a spreading crown.

BEHAVIOR: Suckers, forming large thickets. Thorny branches.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Tolerant of many soil types, including rich and dry soils. Full sun to part shade.

NATURAL RANGE: Southern and central Wisconsin. Western New England to southern Ontario, southern Manitoba, Wyoming and Utah, south to Florida and New Mexico.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Very showy for a brief period when in bloom. Fruit makes excellent preserves and is used by wildlife. May have attractive orange-red fall color. A good cover plant for nesting birds. This fast growing tree is good for landscaping under power lines, for a buffer strip or as a single specimen.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water well during first season. Protect from rabbits.

COMPANION PLANTS: Arrow-leaved Aster, Wild Strawberry, Sweet Cicely, Virginia Creeper, Black Cherry, Bur Oak, Nannyberry, Viburnum, Common Violet, and Riverbank Grape.