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# Prunus americana

## American Plum



A good choice for dry open sites, this tree has fragrant white flowers that fade to pink before the leaves emerge. Yellow or red fruits appear in late summer. Leaves turn a pale gold in fall. May form thickets.

**Suggested Companions:** black oak, (*Quercus velutina*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), old-field goldenrod (*Solidago nemoralis*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*)

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Plant Type: Small Tree  
Size: 18-24' H  
20-35' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:  
White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
May

Other Attributes:

Fragrant  
Winter interest  
Wildlife attracting  
Butterfly attracting  
Bird attracting