

American Plum

Prunus americana

-The American Plum is a relatively small tree that will reach heights of 25 feet tall. It is widely distributed. It is found in open fields, edges or woods, but particularly in stream floodplains. It is shade intolerant, therefore it has to be planted in areas with full to partial sun, but will do better in full sun. It is also relatively short-lived and slow growing.

-The American Plum is an attractive ornamental tree because of its leaves and showy flowers. It flowers in May and June, before the leaves have yet to made the scene.

-The fruit of the American Plum can be used for preserves and jellies. It is a very juicy fruit, with a mildly sour flavor.



**Once you learn to read the land, I have no fear of what you will do to it, or with it.
And I know many pleasant things it will do to you.**

-Aldo Leopold