

# Ozark Plum Tree



Brilliant Burgundy-Purple Blushed Orange Fruit  
Fragrant White Blossoms  
Great Fresh or Preserved as Jam & Jelly  
Mid to Late Summer  
Beautiful Foliage

Juicy Sweet-Tart Firm Flesh  
Self-Fruitful  
Finely-Grained Texture  
Semi-Clingstone  
Attracts Pollinators

## *Prunus salicina* 'Ozark'

- **Use:** Ozark Premier produces exceptionally large, semi-freestone plums. The flesh of this plum is yellow, juicy and tart. This variety ripens in mid to late summer. The Ozark Premier is one of the best tasting plums available. Offspring of Burbank and Methley. The tree is fast growing and vigorous. Somewhat self-fruitful, but planted with other similar time flowering plums will improve pollination and fruit set. Great handout from UGA available online.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Soil should be well-drained. Acidic soil is preferred, though it can tolerate a wide variety of soils. They are not drought-tolerant, so proper watering is a must.
- **Growth:** Grows 12-18' tall and 12-15' wide. Plums require minimal pruning which should be done after flowering when the tree is still leafless. In the formative years, pruning can be to remove interior branches, water sprouts, growing scaffold branches, and dead, damaged, or diseased wood. In maturity, vigorous upright shoots are removed as fruiting increasingly occurs on spurs on older wood. Japanese plums do best when trained to an open center and need thinning for proper fruit development.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green leaves.
- **Flower:** Clusters of brilliant white blossoms in spring. You will enjoy viewing them as much as the bees will love pollinating them. Fruit is firm and excellent for cooking, canning, and fresh-eating. Bears young. Offspring of Burbank x Methley. Heat-tolerant. Semi-freestone. Ripens in August. 800 chill hours needed (temps below 45 degrees) .

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