

Byron Gold Plum Tree



Finally a yellow plum of high quality! To quote the United States Department of Agriculture, "Byrongold meets or exceeds all current expectations for tree vigor, productivity, precocity, and resistance to the bacterial and fungal diseases that are common in the Southeastern United States".

Byrongold's fruit is a winner too. Large, over 2 inches in diameter, and round, it's bright yellow on the outside

with a golden-yellow flesh that's deliciously crispy.

Prunus salicina 'Byron Gold'

- **Use:** This vigorous plum tree variety produces great quality of fruit. It has some problems with leaf scald. It also has a chilling requirement of 450 units. It is recommended to have two cultivars planted to ensure better fruiting. **UGA has a great handout online titled "Homegrown Garden Plums" which is a must read!**
- **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 15-20 tall and 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:** The white flowers are borne mostly in umbel-like clusters of 2-3 on short spurs, and solitary or 2-3 in axils of 1-yr-old wood. Blooms appear as early as February covered in snow. This cultivar produces round fruit with yellow skin and flesh. Red blush will occur on the skin during later mature period. Ripens from late June to early July. The fruit is firm with high quality.

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