

Santa Rosa Plum Tree



Produces fruit that is large and red-dish purple with red flesh. The fruit is sweet and delicious. One of

the most commonly planted plums, because of the fruit and it needs no pollinator.

Prunus salicina 'Santa Rosa'

- **Use:** Santa Rosa Plum is an old-time proven favorite. Large, round red fleshed fruit and very sweet and juicy. Very high quality fruit suitable for eating or canning. The tree is fast growing and vigorous. Somewhat self-fruitful, but should be planted with other japanese plums for pollination. 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 20-25 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:** A showy display of white flowers in spring yields an abundant harvest of dark crimson fruit each summer. Firm flesh with a wonderful flavor for fresh eating or in preserves. Fruit production is higher when another plum tree is nearby. A lovely border tree or garden accent. 400 chill hours recommended.

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