

Bruce Plum Tree



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Prunus salicina 'Bruce'

- **Early Season**
- **Freestone Fruit**
- **500 Chill Hours**
- **Rich Red Fruit Great for Fresh Eating or Jams**
- **Pretty Spring Flowers**
- **Disease Resistance**
- **Compact Size Great Home Gardens**
- **Heavy Producer**

- **Use:** You can eat this delicious fruit straight from the tree. Or, use it in your favorite plum recipes. Jams, preserves, cobblers, you name it. This plum tree stays small, so it is great in urban orchards or even in big pots on a patio or balcony. In general, you can expect two or three bushels of plums from every Bruce Plum tree every summer fruiting season!
- **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 10-20' 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:** Blooming begins in early spring with an abundance of beautiful, paper-white flowers. Around May/June, the fruit has grown and is ready to pick and eat! Please note, Bruce is generally not self-fruitful. Large plums that feature rich red skin. Deep yellow/orange flesh has a sweet, mellow flavor. Together with the sweet-tart zip of the skin, the flavor is nicely balanced. For the best fruit set, be sure to plant a Japanese type cultivar for cross-pollination. Methley Plum ripens a bit later than Bruce and is a good partner.

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