PLUMS & PRUNES



There are two main families: Japanese and European.

Japanese varieties, with the exception of Santa Rosa require a pollinator. Japanese varieties are usually earlier blooming, fleshier, softer and juicier. The European plums are usually hardier, later blooming, later ripening and usually self-fruitful. For the most part they are sweeter than Japanese plums. Prunes are actually types of European varieties which contain more natural sugar, making for better drying.

AUTUMN ROSA	European plum. Purple-red fruit with amber wash has excellent flavor and holds well on the tree. Self-fruitful, high yields over a long period in Sept.
BEAUTY	Japanese plum. Med-size, red-purple fruit with amber flesh has richest flavor. Heavy bearer, ripens June into August.
BLUE DAMSON	European plum. Small, blue-black, tart plum prized for jams, jellies & chutney. Cold hardy, bears heavily. Ripens late August through September. Self-fruitful, better with a pollinator.
BROOKS	European prune. Large, purplish-black fruit. The yellow flesh is sweet and excellent for eating, canning and drying. Originated in Oregon.
BURBANK	Japanese plum. Large with red/purple skin and amber, sweet flesh that is good fresh or dried. Clingstone. Bears early and heavily.
BURGUNDY	Japanese plum. Semi-freestone, med-sized, red fruit with sweet, mellow flesh. Ripens early August.
EARLY ITALIAN	European plum. Large, oblong purple fruit. Greenish-yellow freestone flesh. Best for canning, drying or fresh. Ripens earlier than Italian.
ELEPHANT HEART	Japanese plum. Large, heart-shaped fruit with bronze-green skin that turns reddish-purple when completely ripe. The freestone flesh is juicy, blood-red with a rich, distinctive flavor. Good all purpose. Pollinate with Santa Rosa.
FRENCH PETITE	European prune. Small to medium, long, oval fruit with violet-purple skin. The flesh is greenish-yellow, nearly freestone with a mild, sugary flavor. Best for dessert and canning.
GREEN GAGE	European plum. Small to medium, oval yellowish-green fruit. Flesh is juicy, smooth textured with a rich flavor. Great all purpose.
HOLLYWOOD	Japanese plum. Large red fruit that is good for eating fresh and making jellies. Lovely pink flowers and purple leaves. Pollinate with Stanley.

IMPERIAL EPINEUSE	European plum. Mottled dark and light purplish skin. Meaty, greenish yellow clingstone flesh. Rich, sweet flavor. Ripens mid-September.
INCA	European plum. Beautiful golden skin with magenta specks and dense, crisp flesh with a perfect tart-sweet balance. Ripens mid-August.
ITALIAN	European prune. Medium to large oval fruit with purplish-black skin. Freestone flesh is greenish-yellow, turning red when cooked. Has a rich, sweet flavor. Good for canning and drying.
NADIA	New! A cherry-plum hybrid bred in Australia. The fruit has the size and keeping qualities of a plum with the internal color and juiciness of a dark cherry. Flavor is intense and sweet, reminiscent of both cherry and plum, and is reported to have high levels of antioxidants.
PERSIAN GREEN	From the mountains of Iran. Green fruit with tart, yellow flesh is eaten while green. Ripens mid-spring.
SANTA ROSA	Japanese plum. Self-fertile. Very large, oval fruit with purplish-red skin. Clingstone, purplish flesh with delicious flavor. Great fresh or canned.
SANTA ROSA WEEPING	Japanese plum. Self-fertile. Similar to regular Santa Rosa but with lovely weeping habit and slightly later to bloom and ripen. Clingstone, purplish flesh with delicious flavor. Great fresh or canned.
SHIRO	Japanese plum. Medium to large, round yellow fruit. Juicy, yellow clingstone flesh. Has a mild, sweet flavor. Excellent for cooking, canning and desserts. Tree is low growing, very hardy and prolific.
STANLEY	European plum. Medium to large, dark blue fruit. Firm, tender freestone flesh.
YELLOW EGG	European plum. Large, golden yellow fruit. Flesh is firm and juicy, semi-freestone. Has a tart flavor until fully ripe. Good for fresh use and canning.

