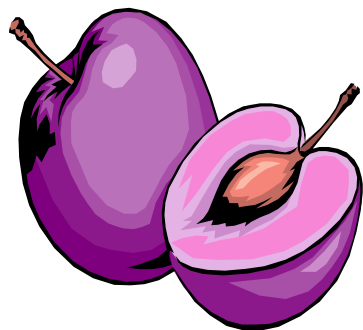


# PLUMS & PRUNES



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.

<b>BEAUTY</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> Med-size, red-purple fruit with amber flesh has richest flavor. Heavy bearer, ripens June-August.
<b>BLUE DAMSON</b>	<b>European plum.</b> 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.
<b>BROOKS</b>	<b>European prune.</b> Large, purplish-black fruit. The yellow flesh is sweet and excellent for eating, canning and drying. Originated in Oregon.
<b>BURGUNDY</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> Bright red, med-size fruit with sweet, mellow, red flesh. Self-fruitful, very productive, semi-freestone.
<b>EARLY ITALIAN</b>	<b>European plum.</b> Large, oblong, purple fruit. Greenish-yellow freestone flesh. Best for canning, drying or fresh. Ripens earlier than Italian.
<b>ELEPHANT HEART</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> Large, heart-shaped fruit with bronze-green skin, reddish-purple when completely ripe. The freestone flesh is juicy, blood-red with a rich, distinctive flavor. Good all purpose. Pollinate with Santa Rosa.
<b>FRENCH PETITE</b>	<b>European prune.</b> 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.
<b>GREEN GAGE</b>	<b>European plum.</b> Small-med, oval, yellow-green fruit. Flesh is juicy, smooth textured with rich flavor. Great all-purpose variety.
<b>HOLLYWOOD</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> Large red fruit that is good for eating fresh and making jellies. Lovely pink flowers and purple leaves. Pollinate with Stanley.
<b>IMPERIAL EPINEUSE</b>	<b>European plum.</b> Mottled dark and light purplish skin. Meaty, green-yellow, clingstone flesh. Rich, sweet flavor. Ripens mid-September.
<b>ITALIAN</b>	<b>European prune.</b> 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.

<b>METHLEY</b>	<b>Japanese plum. Self-fertile.</b> Heat tolerant, clingstone variety looks good year-round. Heavy bearer, good disease resistance, with fragrant white flowers in spring followed by sweet, purple-red fruits.
<b>NADIA</b>	<b>New!</b> 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.
<b>PERSIAN GREEN</b>	From the mountains of Iran. Green fruit with tart, yellow flesh is eaten while green. Ripens mid-spring.
<b>SANTA ROSA</b>	<b>Japanese plum. Self-fertile.</b> Very large, oval fruit with purplish-red skin. Clingstone, purplish flesh with delicious flavor. Great fresh or canned.
<b>SANTA ROSA WEeping</b>	<b>Japanese plum. Self-fertile.</b> 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.
<b>SATSUMA</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> Blood red, med-large, nearly spherical fruit. Meaty, juicy, delicious fruit is red to the center with small pit. Great for fresh eating, cooking, canning, and preserves. Semi-self-fruitful but better with a pollinator.
<b>SHIRO</b>	<b>Japanese plum.</b> 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.
<b>STANLEY</b>	<b>European plum.</b> Medium to large, dark blue fruit. Firm, tender freestone flesh.
<b>YELLOW EGG</b>	<b>European plum.</b> Large, golden yellow fruit is firm and juicy, semi-freestone. Tart flavor until fully ripe. Good for fresh use and canning.