

Beach Plum (*Prunus maritima*)

3- 6', picturesque round-spreading shrub, sculpted twisting branches.

CT native, found on dunes and barrens along the coast.

Frilly white flowers in May.

A mixture of red-purple, blue-purple, and orange 1" tart plums ripen in August, prized for jams and jellies.

3" oval leaves.

Sun, soil adaptable, but well-drained. Salt tolerant. Large tap root, so does not easily transplant once in place.

Use for fruit and preserves, as specimen, in small groupings, in foundations, and for a sculptural look.

Provides fruit and cover for birds and other animals.

Attracts over 400 native species of butterflies, and larval host to Swallowtails and Hairstreaks.



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