

Chickasaw Plum

Prunus angustifolia

Chickasaw plum is very easily grown and has no special cultural requirements. It tolerates drought and sand or clay but does poorly in alkaline soil. These small trees grow quickly but have a relatively short life. Grown occasionally with a single leader, Chickasaw plum is usually seen with a multiple trunk. The ½ to 1 inch fruits are red, ripening to yellow, and are extremely popular with wildlife and people. The plums are eaten either fresh or used to make a delicious jelly. The flowers bloom on the previous year's wood.

Type: perennial tree

USDA hardiness zones: 5 through 9

Uses: specimen; reclamation; deck or patio;
lawn tree; bonsai; food forest

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 12 to 20 feet **Spread:** 15 to 20 feet

Plant spacing: 20 feet

Light requirement: full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerances: sand; loam; clay;
acidic; well drained

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: resistant to pests/diseases
susceptible to verticillium wilt

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