PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus sp

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

Slender trees which lose their leaves. The leaves are toothed around the edge and hairy underneath. Leaves in the bud are rolled. Flowers are white. The fruit is a one seeded round fleshy fruit.

HABITAT

Suitable only for high altitude areas in the tropics. (Japanese plums need less cold weather than European plums to start off flower formation). The soil needs to be well drained. Trees need plenty of sunlight. Trees can stand frost except at flowering. In PNG it is recorded between 1,600-2,600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

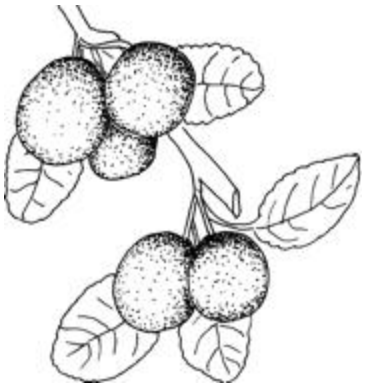
Cultivation

Plums are often grown from seed. They can be budded or grafted. many kinds of plums have to be pollinated from other trees.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

PICTURES



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