PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus salicina Lindl.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese plum, Salicina plum, Willod-leaf cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be dried, canned stewed and made into jams, jellies, puddings, cakes, and sauces. Some varieties are used in cooking.
They are brewed into wine.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 9 m high and spreads 8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The new shoots are red. The leaves are green. There are blunt teeth along the edge. The flowers are in pairs or small clusters. They are white. The fruit is about 3-5 cm across. They are reddish. They are juicy when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows in a subtropical climate. The chilling requirement is 300-1,000 hours below 7°C. Some low chill varieties are available. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are best grown by grafting. Tree are often not self fertile and need pollinator trees. Fruit continue to ripen after harvest. They can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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