



PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus mexicana S. Watson

GENUS *Prunus* FAMILY Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican Plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The plums are eaten fresh or dried.

They are also used for preserves.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It has a single trunk. The crown is open. It grows 6 m tall. The trunk is 15 cm wide. The leaves are 5-11 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are narrowly oval with a long pointed tip. There are fine double teeth along the edge. The leaves are yellow-green above and paler underneath. There are prominent veins underneath. The leaf stalks have 1-3 gland dots near the tip. The flowers are 19 mm long with 5 rounded white petals. There are 2-4 flowers in clusters on slender stalks. The fruit is a plum. It is 1.2-2.5 cm wide. The skin is purplish-red. It has a white bloom. The flesh is sweet. The stone is large.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows up to 450 m altitude in SE region of the USA. It grows on the edge of the forest and the prairie.

NOTES

There are about 200 *Prunus* species.

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