Howard Miracle Japanese Plum

Prunus salicina 'Howard Miracle'



Howard Miracle Japanese Plum fruit
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Howard Miracle Japanese Plum fruit and flesh
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Height: 14 feet

Spread: 14 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A vigorous spreading tree smothered in small white blossoms that produce large yellow fruit blushed with crimson; sweet and juicy, tasking like pineapple and honey, it is delicious eaten fresh or used in desserts

Edible Qualities

Howard Miracle Japanese Plum is a small tree that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large yellow round fruit (technically 'drupes') with a crimson blush and yellow flesh which are typically harvested when mature. Note that the fruits have hard inedible pits inside which must be removed before eating or processing. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Preserves
- Canning

Features & Attributes

Howard Miracle Japanese Plum is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. The fruits are showy yellow drupes with a crimson blush, which are displayed in late summer. The smooth black bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

This is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned in summer after the leaves have fully developed, as it may 'bleed' sap if pruned in late winter or early spring. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Howard Miracle Japanese Plum is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Howard Miracle Japanese Plum will grow to be about 14 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.