



American Prairie Red Plum - A hybrid plum that is winter hardy for this area. Can form thickets from root sprouts or suckers, but is normally less than Wild Plum.

**Leaf:** Alternate, simple, ovate to elliptical, finely serrated margin, sharply pointed tip, 3 to 4 inches long, green above, and slightly paler beneath.

**Flower:** White, 5 petals, 1 inch across, long filaments, yellow anthers, appear in small clusters in early spring with the leaves.

**Fruit:** Fleshy drupe, nearly round, 1 inch across, reddish purple to yellow-brown, some glaucous bloom, ripen in mid to late summer.

**Twig:** Slender, reddish brown, later developing an exfoliating gray film, leaf scars raised; buds reddish to gray and sharp pointed, some twigs becoming thorns.

**Bark:** Initially reddish gray, smooth with numerous horizontal lenticels, later becoming rough with irregular ridges and exfoliating curling strips.

**Form:** A multi-stemmed, shrubby, small tree with a spreading crown, reaching up to 30 feet tall with numerous rigid spiny branches; readily suckers from the roots.