

## *Growing plums....*

Plums should be planted in a protected area, located in **full sun**. Unlike some other fruit trees plums are more tolerate of heavier clay soils, but benefit from a **well-drained soil**.

## *Different Types of Plums...*

Although there are 3 different types of plums; American, European, and Japanese, we currently stock European and Japanese Plums.

### *European Plums*

European plums tend to be more oblong in shape. They are excellent for fresh eating but is most commonly used for drying (prunes).

### *Japanese Plums*

Japanese plums are the most common plum found in grocery stores. They are excellent for fresh eating and tend to be round and juicy.

**\*European Plums must be pollinated with other European Plums and Japanese Plums with other Japanese Plums.**

# Plums



A guide to  
selecting the  
best varieties  
for your garden



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### **Elephant Heart**

This is one of the largest plums on the market. It has a very distinct heart shape with a dark purple-red skin and a blood red flesh. Extremely juicy and sweet it is also one of the most productive plums one can grow. Late ripening – Late August to Early September. Must be pollinated with another Japanese Plum. Cold Hardy to Zone 5.

### **Mount Royal**

This vigorous and versatile European plum is great for fresh eating, canning, or drying. Oval fruits with blue-black skin and a yellow flesh ripen mid-season to late August. Hardy to Zone 4.

### **Santa Rosa**

This Japanese variety is a vigorous, fast growing plant that produces large crops of beefy, round fruit with thin, purple-red skin. This tart, sweet fruit ripens in mid-August and is excellent for fresh eating and canning. Pollinate with another Japanese Plum. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

### **Satsuma**

Very ornamental and productive. This tree is filled with beautiful blossoms in the spring followed by red plums ripening in mid-August. This plum is delicious with its juicy, sweet, red flesh that melts in your mouth. Pollinate with another Japanese plum. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

### **Stanley \***

Fruitful and dependable. Beautiful in spring, while covered with white blossoms, giving way to prune-type fruit in September. This fruit is excellent fresh or dried, with its yellow flesh and high sugar content. Self-fertile, but an excellent pollinator for other European plums. Cold hardy to Zone 5.

\*indicates this variety is self-fertile, meaning that it will produce fruit without pollination of another tree.