

## Chapter 1 : How to grow beach plums | Orchard People

*Beach Plum Flower Shop has been voted "Best Florist in Newburyport" by the Newburyport Daily News. This Premier Seacoast Florist is located at the Tannery and specializes in same day delivery. Don't forget to send Flowers for June Birthday and Anniversary dates.*

Beach plum fruit show a wide range of color variation. Beach plums growing in their native habitat. Beach plum growing on sand dune. Bees gathering pollen and nectar from beach plum flowers. Preserves and jellies value-added beach plum products. Growers and researchers share information about beach plums. Biology Beach plum, *Prunus maritima*, is a medium-sized shrub that is found growing in coastal dune lands. Sandy Neck, Barnstable, Mass. The beach plum is a native American fruit. Its close relatives are Japanese and European plums, which are grown as horticulture crops. White flowers bloom in mid-May on reddish-brown twigs, and are pollinated by insects. The fruits are about 1. Fruits ripen from late August through September, with colors ranging from yellow to dark purple. Typical branching pattern showing two years of wood growth. Beach plums grow in coastal grasslands Westport Point, Mass. Promotional poster circa These products have traditionally been made by a cottage industries almost exclusively from wild collected fruit. Beach plum is commonly collected from the wild in Westport, Mass. Beach plum plants are available from nurseries Sylvan Nursery, Dartmouth, Mass. It was planted in a sandy borrow-pit unsuited to other crops. This is the same site at Coonamessett Farm soon after planting in Rick Uva, project manager, at the experimental orchard at Coonamessett Farm in Note the pattern of moist soil from the drip irrigation. Experimental treatments of mulch, fertilizer, and irrigation at Coonamessett Farm in Rick Uva at the Coonamessett orchard in the summer of Note the size of beach plums planted in the fertilized treatment after two years in the orchard. August fruit yield in Pests Brown rot fungi, *Monilinia* spp. The blossom blight phase occurs in spring and the fruit rot phase occurs in late summer. It is similar to plum curculio, and makes a hole in fruit as seen in the seeds shown above. Minor pests include plum pockets which deform the fruit and peach leaf curl, both caused by a *Taphrina* spp. Black knot, a fungal disease, affects beach plum and other stone fruit. Red humped apple moth caterpillars, *Schizura comocinna*, can defoliate plants. Tent caterpillars also can infest beach plums.

### Chapter 2 : How to grow beach plums | Cornell Fruit Resources: Tree Fruit

*The beach plum is a hardy salt-tolerant shrub that grows wild and does well even in the windy and arid Fire Island environment. In Spring the plant has white blossoms.*

Keeping records and photos of your practices and yields will be a good way to develop a system that works on your farm. Beach plum has similar cultural requirements and pests as other commercially grown plums. Plum culture should serve as our model, although for pruning, peach may be a better model because, like beach plum, fruit is not borne on spurs shoots. Beach plums may be pruned in late winter to early spring. Remove crossed, shaded, cracked, and down-pointing branches. Diseased branches with cankers and black knot should be removed. Maintain an open canopy to facilitate light penetration and air circulation. Keep plants at a size where picking is practical. If biennial bearing is a problem, do your heavy pruning in years where you are expecting a heavy crop. The location of the fruit is toward the base of one-year-old wood and spur formation is uncommon. Peach also bears on annual wood, and could serve as a model for pruning. March Spring clean up. Rake up leaves and remove mummified fruits to eliminate primary fungal inoculum to reduce the probability of brown rot infestations. Late-April white bud Consider applying control measures for brown rot blossom blight phase. Early-May Begin to control weeds in rows and mow the grass allies. Do so for the rest of the growing season. Flowering weeds can compete with beach plum flowers for bees. Mid-May Bloom Were pollinators present and active during bloom? Start to scout for pests on a regular schedule. Prepare and activate the irrigation system if using one. June Control small weeds now instead of big weeds in July. Fruit thinning may be required to reduce excessive fruit loads and to reduce biennial bearing. Late-June green fruit Consider applying control measures for brown rot and caterpillars if needed. Early-August 1st color Consider applying control measures for brown rot fruit rot phase as fruit begin to turn from green to yellow in early August. Collect soil and foliage samples for nutrient analysis at this time if desired. Mid-August pre-ripe Consider applying control measures for brown rot fruit rot phase if needed. Late-August ripe Begin fruit harvest. Because most farms are growing seedling plants which are all genetically different there is wide variation in ripening time from plant to plant. Consider protection from birds. Remove fallen fruit and premature leaf drop from orchard floor. October Drain and winterize the irrigation system. Remove fallen fruit and leaf drop from the orchard floor.

### Chapter 3 : Photo gallery | Cornell Fruit Resources: Tree Fruit

*Beach Plum blossoms Each Autumn my Mom would pile us all into the car and head for the beach, where we would spend the day picking beach plums for her to make the loveliest claret colored homemade jellies and jams-and with any left over maybe a cordial.*

Small, dark blue or purple 1" oval drupe with golden yellow firm flesh, taste can be either sour or sweet, clingstone. The plums are ready to harvest when the colour changes to deep blue, purple or black and have a powdery look. Ripe plums can be stored in the refrigerator. The Damson plum tree has many traits that make it a fine choice for the homeowner. These characteristics are a low and compact crown, tolerance to different kinds of soils, cold hardiness, resistance to diseases, and the ability to thrive with little or no care. The tart juicy plums are excellent for home canning. A small, vigorous, rugged, erect growing plum tree. White flowers are borne in umbrel-like clusters of on short spurs, and solitary or in axils on one year old wood. The later spring bloom time of the flowers makes them less frost prone. The foliage is dark green. Fruit production begins in years. This tree bears heavy crops of purplish blue juicy, tart plums that ripens in August to October. The tree adapts to wide range of soil types but requires moist soil. It is cold hardy and tolerates strong winds. Rainfall and high humidity during the growing season can cause the fruit to crack. Thinning is not necessary for Damson plums. Prune only to remove deadwood, crossing branches, or fast growing shoot that appear along the trunk or branches. Plum trees provide cover and food to butterfly larva, birds, and mammals. Damson plum has the distinction of being around virtually unaltered for thousands of years. Its seeds have been found in prehistoric dwellings. It appears in ancient Mesopotamian records, and is the plum of the ancient Greek poets. It took its name from Damascus. From there, it was taken to Italy and then to the rest of Europe where it now grows wild and in home orchards. The strong similarities between wild and domestic trees, and between the descriptions of ancient writers and observations today make this fruit tree noted for its remarkable consistancy. The Damson is often grouped with the European plums, but botanists classify it as a separate species. It may be an ancestor of the European plum. Plum Tree Blossom Plum trees can be the fruit bearing type or the flowering type. Flowering plum trees produce clusters of pink flowers whereas fruit bearing plum trees produce small white flowers. How do you tell the difference between a plum tree and a cherry tree? Plum blossoms do not have a small slit at the end of the petals whereas cherry blossoms do. The bark of the plum tree is darker and has no distinctive horizontal lines like the cherry. Finally the leaf of the plum tree is purple whereas the leaves of a cherry tree are green. Prunes Dried plums are called prunes. Not all varieties of plums can be used for making prunes. The most commom variety of plum used for making prunes is the European plum. Commercially the plums pass through a food dehydrator for 21 hours at F in order to remove moisture content of the fruit. However if you want to do this in your own home you can use a regular oven at a low heat setting. Plum Tree Trivia Plums can vary in size depending on the variety. Some are as small as a cherry and others are as large as a baseball. Plums, like cherries and peaches , have stones in the center of the fruit and are called drupes. Plum trees are grown on every continent except Antartica Plums are one of the most cultivated fruits in the world. Second only to apples. Health Benefits of Plums Protect your heart. Plums are a great source of potassium Keep bowels regular. A great source of dietary fiber Reduce risk of diabetes.

### Chapter 4 : Beach Plum Floral Design Reviews - Marshfield, MA - Reviews

*Beach Plum Flowers: Beautiful white fragrant blossoms in the spring: Beach Plum leaves take a beating from the salt, sun and wind. They fall off the bush in late fall and grow again each spring.*

### Chapter 5 : Plum Tree: Pictures, Images, Photos, Facts on Plums

*Beach Plum Flower Shop is a local flower shop with a twist yes we have flowers, plants and gifts but.*

### Chapter 6 : Plum Blossom: Art | eBay

*Flowering weeds can compete with beach plum flowers for bees. Apply fertilizer. As nitrogen is mobile, especially in sandy soil, consider applying 1/2 of nitrogen now and the other 1/2 on in late May or June.*

### Chapter 7 : Beach Plum blossoms | Thyme Goes By

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### Chapter 8 : Beach Plum Blossom Time On Fire Island

*The beach plum is an excellent conservation and erosion-control plant that can grow in poor soil. It is also grown as an ornamental. Until recently, Cape Cod was famous for its beach plum jelly.*

### Chapter 9 : Photos - Hampton Beach Plum Company

*Management Chemical control of mildew and aphids is sometimes necessary with beach plum, if an infestation becomes excessive. Cultivars, Improved, and Selected Materials (and.*