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*Prunus armeniaca* var. *dasycarpa*

[Synonyms : *Prunus dasycarpa*]

**BLACK APRICOT** is a hybrid tree {*Prunus armeniaca* (apricot) x *Prunus cerasifera* (mirabelle)} Occurring in the wild in central Asia, Asia Minor or northern India it has small showy, pink-tinged, white flowers with many stamens before the leaves and plum-like apricot- tasting, purple-frosted, dark purple fruit.

It is also known as *Abricot à peau violette* (French), *Abricot violet du Japon* (French), *Murasaki anzu* (Japanese), and Purple apricot.

*Armeniaca* means 'of or from Armenia in western Asia'. *Dasycarpa* is derived from Greek *dasy-* (shaggy, hairy) and *carpo-* (fruit) components meaning 'with hairy fruit'.