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Prunus mexicana

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MEXICAN PLUM is a deciduous tree. Native from south-western United States to Mexico it has small, fragrant white or pink flowers with many stamens before leaves that turn yellow in Autumn.

It is also known as Bigtree plum, Fall plum, and Inch plum.

The flowers offer nectar for bees and butterflies.

This tree is believed to be extinct in the wild in the state of Ohio in the United States.

Mexicana means ‘of or from Mexico’.

Some North American and Central American Indian tribes dried the fruit in the sun for Winter consumption.

The small blue-frosted, purplish-red fruit are eaten raw and they have also been cooked and made into preserves.

Birds and small mammals enjoy the fruit.

Mexican plum has been grown as an ornamental tree.