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Prunus umbellata

FLATWOODS PLUM is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to eastern United States it has small white flowers.

It is also known as Black sloe, Hogbrake plum, Hog plum, Sloe, and Sloe plum.

Umbellata is derived from Latin *umbella* (parasol) meaning ‘bearing flattish-heads of flowers with stalks arising from one place’.

The edible small, thickly bloomed fruit (rich in pectin) have been used for making jams and other preserves.

Birds enjoy the red, yellow or dark purple fruit.

Flatwoods plum has been cultivated as an ornamental plant.