

## Prunus cerasifera

### (cherry plum)

Purple leaf plum is a small rounded deciduous tree found in many places. With its purple leaves it can give an extra color into the landscape. Early spring before leaves appear the tree is covered with pink or white flowers all over. During summer small but edible plums appears on the tree. They can make a temporary mess beneath the tree as they mature and drop during the summer. Place it in full sun to get the best leaf color. It can tolerate heat and drought and city pollution. Don't rely on this tree for long as it will start declining after 15 years.



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Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Prunier d'ornement, cerisier à fleur

**Arabic Name:** خوخ كرزي

**Pronunciation:** PROO-nus sair-uh-SIFF-er-uh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, Western Asia

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Uses:** Hedge, Bonsai, Specimen, Container, Shade, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Purple

**Color(changing season):** Brown

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Type:** Raceme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Purple

**Seasons:** Spring

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Diseases:** Canker, Wilts

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Pests:** Caterpillars, Aphids, Leaf Miner

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Grafting

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Fruit Image



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