



BEACH PLUM

LIGHT

Plant *Prunus maritima* in full sun. Open coastal-style plantings suit this native shrub. Give it room to branch and spread rather than crowding it beneath larger trees.

WATER

Water regularly while roots establish, then soak during extended drought if needed. Established plants tolerate sandy, dry conditions and salt spray. Coastal tolerance does not mean roots should stand in wet soil.

SOIL & PLANTING

Choose freely draining sandy or loamy ground. Plant at the original root-flare level and allow for suckering. Use nursery-grown plants; preserve wild coastal populations and their habitat.

FEEDING

Start with a soil test. Avoid heavy routine fertilizer or rich planting-hole amendments. A light mulch can reduce weeds while plants establish; leave space around stems.

SEASONAL CARE

Enjoy spring flowers and allow room for developing fruit. Prune only as needed for structure and dead or damaged wood; heavy shearing reduces flower and fruit potential. Remove unwanted suckers selectively if managing a smaller patch.

HELPFUL TIPS

For fruit, plant genetically different beach plums that flower together. Copies of one clone may not cross-pollinate. Bees and favorable bloom weather matter, and crops can vary greatly between years. This species has separate care from orchard plums and flowering cherries.