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BEACH PLUM

Prunus maritima

**Attractive shrub or small tree with abundant flowers and edible fruit.
Salt and drought resistant**

Species is listed as Endangered in Maine.

Growing Information

Sunlight Full
Soil Type Sandy
Height 6–10'
Flowering calendar May

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes
Flowers Yes
Fruit Yes

Seeds

Host to 421 caterpillar species, including:
(common names) Coral Hairstreak; Clymene
Moth; White Fircula; Hummingbird Clearwing;
Elm Sphinx; Large Lace-Border; Small-eyed
Sphinx; Interrupted Dagger Moth

Benefits for People

- Resilient coastline species—drought and salt resistant; attractive small tree produces edible fruit

Natural Habitat

- Coastal shorelines, dunes

