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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.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Provides nectar for wasps, antlions, and flies
- Late summer fruit for birds and other animals
- Dense branches are excellent for providing cover

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

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full
<i>Soil Type</i>	Sandy
<i>Height</i>	6-10'
<i>Width</i>	6-10'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May

Natural Habitat

- Coastal shorelines, dunes

