Chickasaw Plum

Today on Gardening in a Minute: the Chickasaw plum.

The Chickasaw plum is an attractive tree that provides both people and wildlife with a delicious fruit.

Growing up to 25 feet tall, Chickasaw plum forms a rounded mass of slender, thorny branches around a short trunk. Before the leaves appear in spring, the tree is covered with clusters of tiny, fragrant, white blooms.

Then the small fruits appear, turning from red to yellow as they ripen. The plums can be eaten fresh or turned into tasty jelly.

Plant your Chickasaw plum in part or full sun. It can tolerate a wide range of soil types, but prefers an acid pH.

Chickasaw plum grows quickly, and can be used in the landscape as a small specimen tree. You may want to prune away any root sprouts to keep the tree looking good.

For more about Chickasaw plum and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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