

Botanical Name: Syzygium cumini

Common Name: Java plum, Jambolan plum

Type of Plant: dicot; tree Family Myrtaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape fast growing, narrow tree becoming broader with age; dark foliage and lightly colored bark resemble a tropical Eucalyptus

Height to 80 ft. Spread to 30 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most soils, suffers chlorosis in heavy soils

Hardiness some frost (Zones 15-19, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to oblong, to 5" long, glossy and somewhat leathery; new foliage is dark bronzy red

Flowers white to pink, about 1/2" across in terminal panicles; flowers feature many brushy white stamens; normally appear in late spring

Fruit purplish drupe to 3/4" long with lavender flesh

Propagation: seed

Usage: grown for edible fruit (jams, juices, sorbets), tropical theme landscapes; grown for shade and background

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering, tolerates heavy watering but will also grow slowly in dry conditions

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release in spring

Pruning head and thin as required

Pests/Diseases none

Other considered invasive in southern Florida

Origin: India to Malaysia