



Prunus domestica 'Opal'



Výška	6-8 m
Šírka	4-5m
Koruna	round/spherical, half-open crown, capricious growing
Kôra a vetvy	brown
Listy	green
Kvety	white, flowers in April
Plody	edible fruits, purple/brown
Tŕne	Žiadny
Jedovatosť	Zvyčajne nie je jedovaté pre ľudí a väčšie zvieratá
Typ pôdy	clay soil, loamy soil, sandy soil
Spevnené plochy	Netoleruje spevnené plochy
Zóna odolnosti	6 (-23,3 do -17,8 °C)
Ostatná odolnosť	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6)
Stromy pre zvieratá a hmyz	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6), Cenné pre včely (medonosné)
Použitie	malé záhrady, dvory
Tvar	Vysokokmeň, Viackmeň, Ovocný strom vysokokmeň

'Opal' is one of the best-known and most widely used plum varieties. It is, especially when young, a strong-growing tree with a bushy, slightly jagged, semi-open crown of 4-6 m in height. The crown is round, although the stem branches initially grow up quite steeply. The tree flowers in April with lightly scented, white blossom. 'Opal' is a self-pollinating variety, but to ensure good fruit bearing at all times, it is best to plant a tree of another plum variety nearby. Preferably, 'Czar' or 'Victoria' is used for this purpose. The plums of 'Opal' are relatively small, ovoid and reddish-blue to purplish-red in colour. The flesh is yellow-green, juicy, aromatic and pleasantly sweet. The plums are ready for picking in late July-early August. They are great for direct consumption or for making purée. It is an easy, good-growing variety that usually produces many plums and is also particularly suitable for use in private gardens. 'Opal' was created in 1946 at the Swedish testing station in Alnarp, from a cross between 'Early Favorite' and 'Reine Claude d'Oullins'. Hardiness zone 6.