

American Plum (*Prunus americana*)

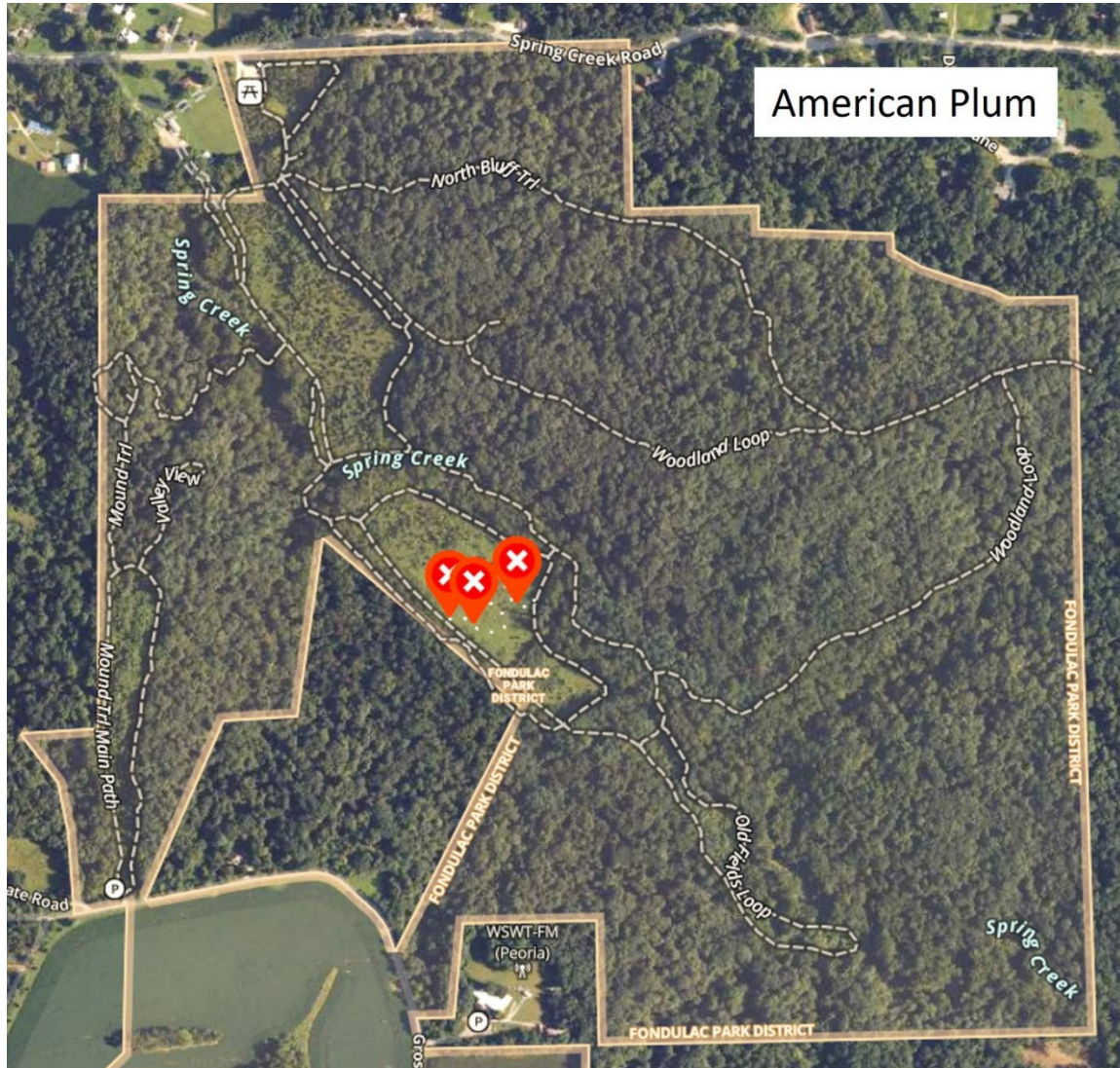
Origin: Native to most counties of Illinois, but it was apparently absent from this preserve until planted along the McGraw Tree Trail.

Characteristics: A small tree, up to 20 feet tall and 12 inches in diameter. The fragrant white flowers appear before the leaves, and are up to 1 inch in diameter. The plum-like, yellow or red fruit is up to 1 inch in diameter. Bark on mature trees is gray or brown, and scaly.

Leaves: Alternate, simple, up to 4 inches long and half as wide, with fine teeth along the edges. The oval blade is pointed at the tip, and rounded or tapering at the base.



Location of tagged trees:



Notes: The fragrant flowers of American Plum attract many different kinds of bees. A large number of insects feed on various parts of the tree.