



WACD Plant Materials Center

INDIAN PLUM

Common Name: Indian Plum, Osoberry

Scientific Name: *Oemleria cerasiformis* (*Osmaronia cerasiformis*)

Distribution: Indian Plum is found growing west of the Cascades from British Columbia south to northern California at low to mid-elevations.

Growth Habit: Indian Plum grows as a shrub or small tree to 18 feet tall, spreading to 15 feet wide.

Adaptability: Indian plum can be found growing in variety of sites that range from dry upland sites to moist riparian areas. It grows in either open, fully exposed sites, or as an under-story species growing in full shade

Comments: Indian Plum is one of the first flowering native shrubs to herald the approach of spring. Its white, fragrant, drooping flowers, appear in March, before many species leaf out. The flowers give rise to berries that ripen and turn purple in June, which provide a favorite source of food for many bird species.

