# Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf)

***Prunus 'Spicezee'***

Height: 14 feet

Spread: 14 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Necta-Plum, Nectarine x Plum

**Description:**

A true nectarine and plum cross that turns out to be a gorgeous tree, producing fruit that is unparalleled in flavor, with hints of both plum and nectarine; foliage emerges bright red and slowly changes to dark green, giving it great ornamental value

**Edible Qualities**

Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) is a small tree that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark red round fruit (technically 'drupes') with shell pink overtones and creamy white flesh which are usually ready for picking in mid summer. Note that the fruits have hard inedible pits inside which must be removed before eating or processing. The fruits have a sweet taste with a soft texture and a spicy fragrance.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves

**Features & Attributes**

Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The narrow leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy dark red drupes with shell pink overtones, which are carried in abundance in mid summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.



*Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) foliage*
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This is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Insects
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

**Planting & Growing**

Nectaplum,Spice Zee (Semi Dwarf) will grow to be about 14 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.