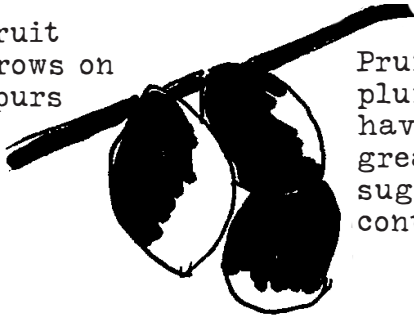


# PLUM

Fruit  
grows on  
spurs



Prune  
plums  
have a  
greater  
sugar  
content

## Young trees:

- Structure is funnel-shaped
- Head back the long whip-like branches about 2/3 of their length
- Try to get branches 1' apart (they will droop with fruit)

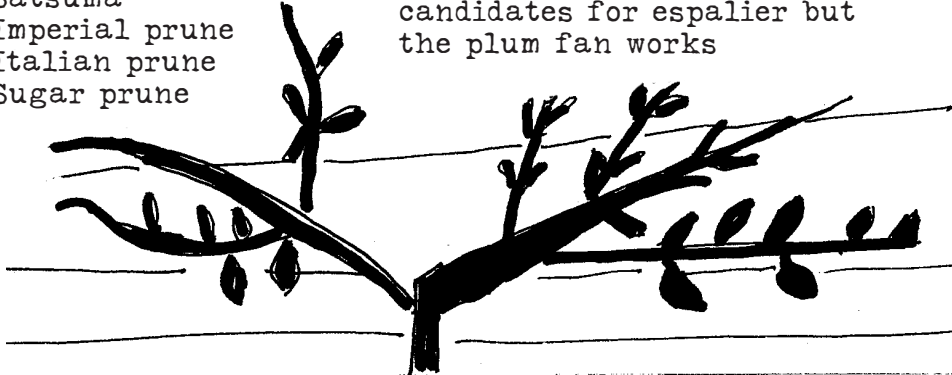
## 10+year-old trees:

- Older they are, cut back
- New growth needs to be cut back
- Cut out any old branches that are in the way

## Varieties:

Elephant Heart  
Santa Rosa  
Satsuma  
Imperial prune  
Italian prune  
Sugar prune

Plums are not great  
candidates for espalier but  
the plum fan works



## Problems:

1. Silver leaf disease:  
Cut it out, put it in  
the trash container
2. Gumming: harmless  
but is a sign of  
stress. If found on a  
branch, you could cut  
it out