

Diospyros lotus • Date Plum or Persimmon



Leaves

One or more unfolded leaves are visible on the plant. A leaf is considered “unfolded” once its entire length has emerged from a breaking bud, stem node or growing stem tip, so that the leaf stalk (petiole) or leaf base is visible at its point

of attachment to the stem. The leaves are oval shaped.



Flower buds

Fresh open flower buds are visible on the plant. Include buds which are swelling or expanding, but do not include those that are tightly closed and not actively growing. Do not include wilted or dried buds.



Open flowers

Flowers are considered open when the reproductive parts are visible between or within unfolded or open flower parts. Do not include wilted or dried flowers. Flowers appear in spring around May - June and are white to pinkish.

For abundance, what percentage of all fresh flowers on the plant are open.



Fruits

One or more fruits are visible on the plant. The fruit is a fleshy berry that changes from green to purple-black as they ripen. They typically ripen in October-November.

For abundance count the individual number of fruit.



Ripe fruits

The fruits are round and change color from green to yellow to purple-black as they ripen. The fruit is considered ripe when it has turned blue-black or purple-black. *For abundance count the individual number of fruit.*



Colored leaves

One or more leaves show some of their typical late-season color, or yellow or brown due to drought or other stresses. Do not include small spots of color due to minor leaf damage, or dieback on branches that have broken.

Do not include dried or dead leaves that remain on the plant.

Phenophases not shown: breaking leaf buds, falling leaves or falling fruit.