

BERRIES

BLUEBERRY

All blueberry varieties require acidic, well-drained soil – we recommend Gary's Best Acid Mix. Situate blueberries in full sun, and water deeply and regularly throughout the first growing season. This will help them establish a strong root system. Blueberries don't recover after drying out. Shelter plants from afternoon sun in summer and prune annually to prevent overbearing. These varieties are self-fertile. Adding a pollination companion of a different variety but of same type (Highbush or Rabbiteye) will increase berry size and berry production.

BILOXI 150 MCR *Southern highbush*
Upright, vigorous bush, 5'-6' tall and wide
Light blue, small to medium-sized, firm berries
Late spring bloom, mid-late summer harvest
Great for no chill areas – can be evergreen
Excellent fall color, good for coastal areas

EMERALD 250 MCR *Southern highbush*
Highly productive bush, 5'-6' tall and wide
Mildly sweet fruit, long harvest period
January-February bloom, fruit mid April to May

HELLO DARLIN' 250 MCR *Highbush X Rabbiteye*
Yield increases with a Rabbiteye pollinator
Compact dense habit, 4'-3' tall and wide
Green summer leaves, red fall color
Early ripening and highly productive

JEWEL 200-250 MCR *Southern highbush*
Large bush, 6'-8' ft tall and wide
Large berries with tangy-sweet taste
Harvest can be late spring through summer
Pollinates Emerald, long harvest period

MISTY 250+ MCR *Southern highbush*
Vigorous growing bush to 4-6' tall and wide
Large berries with sweet, mild flavor
Late spring bloom, mid-late summer harvest
Excellent fall color

O'NEAL 300+ MCR *Southern highbush*
Semi-evergreen shrub, good in containers.
Vigorous growing 5-6' tall and wide
Early summer harvest, tolerates heat

PEACH SORBET 300 MCR *Dwarf highbush*
Compact, semi-evergreen, 1'-2' tall and wide
Medium-sized berry, harvest in early summer
Flavor is a mix of sweet blueberry and peach

White, showy flowers in Spring
Foliage ranges from peach to emerald green, and deep purple in fall.

PINK ICING 500 or lower MCR *Highbush*
Semi-evergreen, 3-4' tall and wide
Grows well in containers,
Showy, pink flowers in Spring
Large exceptionally flavored berries in Summer
Foliage emerges pink and red tones, maturing to dark green, in fall to iridescent lavender-blue

PINK LEMONADE 250-300 MCR *Rabbiteye*
Vigorous growing bush to 4-5' tall and wide
Pink berries with sweet, mild flavor
Bloom mid to late summer, harvest October
Berries start out green, gradually transitioning to a pale pink hue before ripening to a darker pink or even a deep purplish-red

SHARPBLUE 150-200 MCR *Southern highbush*
Semi-evergreen, 5-6' tall and wide
Dime-sized fruit with very sweet flavor
Early season producer, most climates experience multiple harvests

STAR 250 MCR *Southern highbush*
Very short harvest period
Spring harvest

SUNSHINE 200 or lower MCR *Southern highbush*
Grows to 3'-4' tall and wide
Cold hardy and heat tolerant
Tolerates less acidic soil

WINDSOR 250 MCR *Southern high bush*
Very large, light-medium colored
Ripens early season and very productive
Best to cross pollinate with O'Neal, or Misty

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BLACKBERRY

All varieties of blackberries produce fruit in summer. Provide slightly acidic, well-draining soil and consistent moisture during the growing season. Situate in full sun. Avoid standing water during cooler temperatures, and provide protection from harsh summer sun in hot climates. Blackberries are susceptible to verticillium wilt, so do not plant your blackberries where tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants or peppers have been grown in the last 3 years. The following varieties are all self-fertile.

KIOWA *Thorned*

Upright berry reaching over 6' tall and wide.
Primocane fruiting, very large berries (up to 3")
Heavy producer, June-July harvest
Great in jams, jellies, cobbler, wine, juice, syrup.

PRIME ARK FREEDOM *Thornless*

Fast growing canes reach 5-6' tall and wide
Primocane fruiting late summer to early fall
Large, purple-black and flavorful fruit.

OLALLIE *Thorned*

Loganberry / Youngberry hybrid
Fast-growing, perennial vine, deciduous
Spring harvest, earlier than other cultivars
Great for pies and preserves
Large, firm berries that are sweet and less tangy than other cultivar

BOYSENBERRY

Created by Rudolph Boysen and popularized by Walter Knott, Boysenberries look similar to an elongated blackberry. Like blackberries, they have a dark purple color with a sweet flavor and hint of tartness. Boysenberries are a cross between blackberry and raspberry. Boysenberries are high in vitamin C, folate, manganese and contain quite a bit of fiber. Situate in full sun with well-draining sandy soil. As plants mature, trellis support will be required. Prune plants every Fall or early Winter.

- Regular and thornless varieties available
- Very large soft, sweet and tart berries
- Heavy production, Midsummer harvest
- Produces fruit on second year canes

RASPBERRY

Situate your raspberry bush in full sun to partial shade, providing well-draining slightly acidic soil. Raspberry canes generally grow to full size their first year, then bear fruit in their second summer. During the first year, the new green cane (primocane) grows vegetatively. The cane develops a brown bark, is dormant in winter, and during the second growing season is called a florican. This florican produces fruit in early to mid summer and then dies. New primocanes are produced each year, so fruit production continues year after year. Primocane-fruiting varieties will produce on first year canes. Prune your raspberry bush annually after harvest, cutting back older canes to the ground. All varieties are self-fertile.

ANNE *Yellow*

3-4' tall and wide, Primocane fruiting
Regarded as the best tasting yellow raspberry
White, flowers, large, translucent, golden fruit
Moderate crop early summer, larger crop late summer or early fall

BABABERRY *Red (Excellent in Orange County)*

3-5' tall and wide, Extra large, flavorful berries
Heavy production May-July, lighter in summer

CAROLINE *Red*

4-6' tall, highly adaptable plant
Large, rich, sweet, full-bodied berry

JEWEL *Black*

Vigorous, hearty vine with upright growth habit
Disease resistant compared to other black varieties
High quality, rich raspberry flavor.
Large berries in May -June

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BLUEBERRY VARIETY	TYPE	CHILL HOURS	POLLINATION	BUSH SIZE	NOTES	BLOOM TIME	HARVEST SEASON					
							April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Biloxi	Southern Highbush	<150	self fertile, companion suggested	3-5'	ideal for coastal areas	late spring						
Emerald	Southern Highbush	250	self fertile, companion suggested	5-6'	highly productive, long harvest	Jan-Feb						
Hello Darlin	Southern Highbush	<250	self fertile, companion suggested	3-4'	green summer leaves, red fall leaves	early spring						
Jewel	Southern Highbush	200-250	self fertile, companion suggested	6-8'	large berries, long harvest	early spring						
Misty	Southern Highbush	250+	self fertile, companion suggested	4-6'	attractive plant	spring						
O'Neal	Southern Highbush	300+	self fertile, companion suggested	5-6'	tolerates heat	early spring						
Peach Sorbet	Southern Highbush	300	self fertile, companion suggested	1-2'	compact & beautiful fall color	spring						
Pink Icing	Southern Highbush	<500	self fertile, companion suggested	3-4'	large berries, semi-evergreen	spring						
Pink Lemonade	Rabbiteye Hybrid	250-300	self fertile, companion suggested	4-5'	pink inside & out	late spring						
Sharpblue	Southern Highbush	150-200	self fertile, companion suggested	5-6'	dime sized, semi-evergreen	spring	year round					
Star	Southern Highbush	>250	self fertile, companion suggested	5-6'	Very short harvest period	early spring						
Sunshine	Southern Highbush	>200	self fertile, companion suggested	3-4'	cold hardy	spring						
Windsor	Southern Highbush	<250	self fertile, companion suggested	4-6'	makes a beautiful, edible landscape hedge	early March						