

# 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

# BERRIES continued

## 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, Jewel variety 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, O'neal or Misty suggested	4-6'	makes a beautiful, edible landscape hedge	early March						