

BLUEBERRIES 2023

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Notes:	Blueberries (and lingonberries and huckleberries) prefer morning sun, afternoon shade, and need a well-drained bed prepared with lots of compost and peat, sulfur (work 1/2 cup of sulfur into the soil around each plant) or an organic fertilizer for acid loving plants, mulched with peat/wood/bark mulch. Remember that blueberries require more water than most berries; do not let the soil dry out (but don't let it get soggy either). Our varieties are self-pollinating, but produce larger fruit and higher yields if two cultivars are grown together, for cross-pollinating.
Bluecrop	Zones 4-7. Highbush ; midseason (July/August), upright, open habit, slender light red canes, 4-6 ft. at maturity. Open clusters of firm, crack resistant, light blue fruit over a prolonged season; good fresh, for preserves, baking and freezing. Pick 5-7 days after fully blue for maximum sweetness. Fiery red in fall.
Blueray	Zones 3-7. Highbush ; early midseason (July). An old favorite variety; small, tight clusters of large, medium blue fruit with soft, firm, crack resistant skin; a sweet, slightly tart flavor. Vigorous, very productive, 4-6 feet tall at maturity. Bright red wood in winter.
Burgundy	Zones 3-7. Half-high ; 1 ft. high x 3 ft. wide; early midseason (July). This cute little blueberry comes from Maine. Abundant small and 'wild flavored' (i.e. tart-sweet) berries, easy to pick, great for baking, preserves, fresh eating; new foliage is wine colored, summer foliage grey-green, fall foliage orange and red. Great addition to the edible landscape, as a border, groundcover or in a large container .
Cabernet Splash	Zones 4-8. Highbush ; early midseason (July). An exciting new 'edible ornamental,' a sport of the Toro blueberry. Wine colored new foliage, green in summer, red in fall. Compact, upright plant, 4 ft. tall by 4 ft. wide, great for containers . Abundant, delicious, medium berries similar in flavor to Toro.
Chandler	Zones 4-7. Mid-late season (August/September). Highbush . Cherry size, delicious fruit - world's largest. Long ripening season (over 6 weeks). 5-6 foot bush, spreading habit.
Chippewa	Zones 3-8. Half-high . Midseason (July). Compact, 3-4 ft. tall x 3-4 ft. wide; works great in containers. Golden-orange-red fall foliage. Berries are light blue, very sweet, very juicy, perfect for cooking, baking, preserves, or fresh in your cereal!
Duke	Zones 4-7. Early season (June/July). Blooms late, which protects blossoms from frost, and ripens early. Upright, highbush . Heavy producer of medium to large, firm, light blue berries, mildly tart. Yellow-orange fall foliage.
Elliott	Zones 4-7. Late season (August). Big (1 1/2 in.), firm, sweet, easy to pick berries on an upright highbush . Berries are wonderful to eat fresh, freeze, or cook. Blooms late so blossoms are protected; burgundy wood in fall graces the landscape. 4-6 ft. tall x 4-5 ft. wide.
Hardy Blue	Zones 4-7. Mid-season (July). Highbush (4-6 ft.). An old, reliable blueberry famous for heavy production of sweet, medium sized berries with exceptional flavor. Adaptable to many soil types, including clay soils, vigorous. Great for muffins and pancakes. Bright yellow-orange fall foliage, dark red branches in winter.
Jersey	Zones 4-7. Mid-late season (August). Large (7 ft.) upright highbush , heavy production of small to medium, dark blue, sweet fruit, a favorite for baking. Reliable.
Nocturne	Zones 3-8. Mid-late season (late July-August). Highbush , 5-6 ft. high and wide. A cold hardy, complex hybrid of three varieties, including Southern Rabbiteye, this blueberry breaks dormancy later in the spring than a Southern Rabbiteye-blooms in April- which gives its blossoms frost protection and allows us Northerners to enjoy the delicious flavor of a southern blueberry. In addition, it is extremely ornamental: unripe fruit is red/orange, ripe fruit is gunmetal black, against a backdrop of bright green leaves-a perfect addition to an edible landscape. Fruit is medium size and very sweet, with high levels of nutritious anthocyanins.
Northcountry	Zones 3-7. Early - midseason (early July). Half-high blueberry (2-3 ft.). Heavy producer of medium size, sweet, "wild flavored" berries. Bright red fall color, very ornamental, vigorous and adaptable to less than optimum soils.

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Patriot	Zones 3-7. Early (June/July). Cold hardy. A smaller (4 ft.) highbush (partial lowbush ancestry). Consistent heavy crops of large, dark blue, highly flavored berries. Adaptable to many soils, including wetter soils. Fiery orange fall foliage.
Pink Lemonade	Zones 4-7. Mid to late season (July/August). This highbush blueberry is pretty year round, with pinkish-white blooms in spring, then pale green fruit that turns deep rose pink for harvest in late summer, orange to deep red foliage in autumn, reddish-brown stems in winter. Berries are shiny and firm with mild, very sweet flavor. Height and spread 4-5 ft.
Polaris	Zones 3-7. Early (June/July). Half-high (4 ft. x 4 ft.). Cold hardy, compact bush, very productive. Powder blue berries are medium sized, very sweet and aromatic, wonderful fresh and make amazing baked goods, preserves, and freeze well. Bright red fall foliage.
Razz	Zones 4-7. Midseason (July/August). Highbush (4-6 ft.). Vigorous plant that produces good crops of plump, medium to large berries; unique flavor has a hint of raspberry; delectable eaten fresh or baked in a pie. Red-orange fall color.
Saint Cloud	Zones 3-7. Early (mid-June/July). Half-high (4 ft. x 4 ft.). Medium to large, dark blue berries, great flavor, firm and crisp, high yields. Excellent fresh, in baked goods and preserves; freezes well. Orange fall foliage.
Sunshine Blue	Zones 5-10. Early-midseason (June/July). A semi-dwarf (3 ft.) southern highbush that also performs well in the north. Mid-size, dark blue berries are rich and tart-sweet; bush is compact and well branched. Tolerates higher pH (more alkaline) levels well. Purple-red fall foliage.
Sweetheart	Zones 4-8. Highbush , 4-6 ft. x 4-6 ft., cross between southern and northern varieties. Unusual blueberry that produces 2 crops, in May and a smaller one in August. Berries are medium sized and medium blue, very flavorful and juicy, ideal for eating fresh, freezing, baking, preserves. Red fall foliage.
Top Hat	Zones 3-7. Mid-late season (August). A very small half-high , dwarf cultivar, 1.5 ft. x 1.5 ft. with many branches. White blooms in spring bring pea-sized, light blue berries with good flavor. Perfect for borders, as a container plant, or as an edible bonsai.