Berries 2024

Blueberries (Vaccinium sp.)

Blueberries prefer morning sun/afternoon shade and need a well-drained bed prepared with lots of compost and peat. Blueberries thrive in acidic soils (4.5-5.5 pH). To lower the pH, incorporate sulfur into the top 6" of soil prior to planting. Fertilize with a formulation for acid loving plants 2-4 times a growing season. Mulch with peat/wood/bark. 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 of the same type are grown together for cross-pollinating.

| Cultivar | Туре | Size | Zone | Harvest Season | Plant Description |
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| Maine Blueberry | Lowbush | 2'x2' | 3-7 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. angustifolium</i>) This cute little blueberry comes from Maine. Abundant small and 'wild flavored' (i.e. tart-sweet) berries are easy to pick and great for baking, preserves, fresh eating. Fall foliage is orange and red. Great addition to the edible landscape as a border, groundcover or in a large container . |
| Bluecrop | Northern Highbush | 4'-6' tall | 4-7 | Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Upright, open habit with slender light red canes. Open clusters of firm, crack resistant, light blue fruit over a prolonged season are good fresh, for preserves, baking, and freezing. Pick 5-7 days after fully blue for maximum sweetness. Fiery red in fall. |
| Blueray | Northern Highbush | 4'-6' tall | 3-7 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) An old favorite variety with small, tight clusters of large, medium blue fruit with soft, firm, crack resistant skin and a sweet, slightly tart flavor. Vigorous and very productive. Recommended for areas with hot summers and cold winters. Burgundy/red fall foliage and bright red wood in winter. |
| Cabernet Splash | Northern Highbush | 4'x4' | 4-8 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) An exciting new 'edible ornamental,' a sport of the Toro blueberry. Wine colored new foliage is green in summer and red in fall. A compact, upright habit is great for containers . Abundant, delicious, medium berries are similar in flavor to Toro. |
| Chandler | Northern Highbush | 5'-6' tall | 4-7 | Mid/Late | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Extra large fruit have great flavor and ripen over a long season (over 6 weeks). Plant has spreading habit and burgundy to orange fall foliage. |
| Chippewa | Half-high | 3'-4'x3'- 4' | 3-8 | Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum x V. angustifolium</i>) A compact plant that works great in containers. Golden-orange-red fall foliage. Berries are light blue, very sweet, very juicy, and perfect for cooking, baking, preserves, or fresh in your cereal! |
| Duke | Northern Highbush | 4'-6' tall | 4-7 | Early | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Blooms late, which protects blossoms from frost, and ripens early. Upright habit. Heavy producer of medium to large, firm, light blue berries that are mildly tart. Yellow-orange fall foliage. |
| Earliblue | Northern Highbush | 6'x4' | 5-7 | Early | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Medium/large fruit are sweet and juicy with a firm texture. Great for fresh eating. Plant habit is upright, and fall foliage is red and burgundy. |
| Jersey | Northern Highbush | 7' tall | 4-7 | Mid/Late | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Heavy, relible yields of small to medium, dark blue, sweet fruit. A favorite for baking. Plants are tolerant of a variety of soil types. Habit is large and upright, and fall foliage is golden orange. |

| Legacy | Northern Highbush | 6'x6' | 5-8 | Late | (V. corymbosum) Highly rated flavor is robust. Yields are high and produced over a long fruiting season. Crimson fall color. |
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| Mini Blues | Northern Highbush | 6' tall | 6-8 | Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) A large plant with dainty berries that are perfect for muffins. Fruit is a violet blue with an intense sweet/tart flavor, and yields can be high on mature plants. |
| Northblue | Half-high | 2-3' | 3-8 | Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum x V. angustifolium</i>) A compact and ornamental plant for containers or the home landscape. Berries are sweet, juicy, and dime size. Cold hardy. |
| Northcountry | Half-high | 2-3' tall | 3-7 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum x V. angustifolium</i>) Heavy producer of medium size, sweet, "wild flavored" berries. Bright red fall color. Plants are very ornamental, vigorous and adaptable to less than optimum soils. |
| Patriot | Northern Highbush | 4' tall | 3-7 | Early | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) A consistent favorite with heavy crops of large, dark blue, highly flavored berries. Adaptable to many soils including wetter and heavier soils. Fiery orange fall foliage. |
| Pink Lemonade | Northern Highbush | 4-5' tall | 4-7 | Mid/Late | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) This blueberry is pretty year round with pinkish-white blooms in spring, then pale green fruit that turns deep rose pink in late summer, orange to deep red foliage in autumn, and reddish-brown stems in winter. Berries are shiny and firm with mild, very sweet flavor. |
| Pink Popcorn | Northern Highbush | 5' tall | 3-8 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Classic blueberry flavor in berries that are medium pink with a deep blush when ripe. A fun addition to your blueberry patch! |
| Polaris | Half-high | 4' tall | 3-7 | Early | (<i>V. corymbosum x V. angustifolium</i>) A cold hardy, compact bush with high productivity. Powder blue berries are medium sized, very sweet, and aromatic. Wonderful fresh, in baked goods and preserves, and for freezing. Bright red fall foliage. |
| Razz | Northern Highbush | 4-6' tall | 4-7 | Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Vigorous plant that produces good crops of plump, medium to large berries with a unique flavor that has a hint of raspberry, Delectable eaten fresh or baked in a pie. Red-orange fall color. |
| Spartan | Northern Highbush | 4'x4' | 4-8 | Early | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) Blooms late, which protects flowers from frost, but ripens early. Large fruit with a strong, sweet-tart flavor and firm texture. Avoid heavy soils by planting in containers or raised beds. Red/orange fall color. |
| Sunshine Blue | Southern Highbush | 3' | 5-10 | Early/Mid | (V. x 'Sunshine Blue') A southern highbush that also performs well in the north. Mid-size, dark blue berries are rich and tart- sweet. Plants are compact and well branched. Tolerates higher pH (more alkaline) levels well. Purple-red fall foliage. |
| Sweetheart | Northern Highbush | 4-6' tall | 4-8 | Dual | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) A cross between southern and northern varieties. An unusual blueberry that produces 2 crops, primarily 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, and in preserves. Red fall foliage. |
| Toro | Northern Highbush | 4'x4' | 4-7 | Early/Mid | (<i>V. corymbosum</i>) A common commercial cultivar with reliable, high yields of large berries with excellent flavor. An attractive, 4 season plant with bronze new growth in spring, powder blue berries in summer, red foliage in fall, and red stems in winter. |

| Evergreen Huckleberries (Vaccinium ovatum) | | | | | | | |
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| Evergreen Huckleberry | 4'x4' | 7-8 | ta | specialty selection noted for bronze-red new growth and a compact habit. White flowers in late spring are followed by asty, deep purple berries. Part sun/shade (intolerant of full sun in our area), regular water, and acidic soil well amended vith organic material are essential. | | | |
| Native Star | Up to 15' tall | 7-8 | s b c | slow-growing, evergreen shrub with pretty, copper-colored new growth. Delicious, blue to black berries ripen late ummer into fall, taste better after a frost, and are enjoyed by humans and wildlife. Plants can reach 15 feet but can also e kept smaller with pruning and greater sun exposure. A handsome choice for woodland gardens, berry patches, and ontainers. Part sun/shade (intolerant of full sun in our area), regular water, and acidic soil well amended with organic naterial are essential. | | | |
| Scarlet Ovation | 3'x3' | 6-8 | g | more compact version of the evergreen huckleberry that flowers in late spring to early summer and produces a enerous crop of huckleberries in late summer-early fall. New growth in spring growth is bright scarlet. Part sun/shade intolerant of full sun in our area), regular water, and acidic soil well amended with organic material are essential. | | | |