

Fruit and Berries

Thornless Blackberries (*Rubus* x)

Natchez

Ripens earlier than most other thornless varieties. Highly productive. Exceptionally large berries with moderate firmness. Semi-erect growth habit makes it well suited for growing on a trellis. Zones 5-9.

Ouachita

Excellent fruit quality. Berries are large, sweet, and firm. Grows very upright with intermediate vigor. Resistant to anthracnose and rosette. Zones 6-9.

Prime Ark® Freedom

This everbearing variety produces large, moderately firm berries similar to Natchez, but ripens in less time. An excellent choice for home gardens. Tipping helps achieve peak yield and performance. Zones 5-9.

Triple Crown

Produces large, flavorful berries with moderate firmness. Semi-erect growth pattern. A good choice for home gardeners who want to extend their blackberry season. Zones 6-9.

Blueberries - Rabbiteye (*Vaccinium ashei*)

Rabbiteye blueberries prefer acidic, well-drained soil, and grow best in zones 7-10. Ideal soil pH of 4.2–5.5. Plants require a chilling period for fruits to develop. Plant in full sun for highest fruit yields.

Brightwell

Vigorous, upright growth habit. Produces light blue, medium sized berries with excellent flavor. Early to mid-season ripening. A good choice for pollinating other Rabbiteye varieties. Partially self-fertile, but yields are better if planted with another cultivars. Pairs well with Premier. Mature height: 6'-10', Mature width: 6'-8'. Chilling period: 400-500 hours.

Centurion

Mid to late season ripening. A good choice for extending your blueberry season. Berries are medium sized and dark in color. Upright growth with fewer canes makes it easy to manage. Brightwell and Powder Blue are good pollinators. Mature height: 6'-8', Mature width: 6'-8'. Chilling period: 550-650 hours.

Climax

Best variety for harvesting a large quantity of berries at one time. Berries are large and firm with a delightfully crunchy texture and good flavor. Early season ripening. Mostly upright growth habit with moderate to low number of canes per plant. Premier is best for pollination. Mature height: 6'-8', Mature width: 5'-6'. Chilling period: 400-450 hours.

Ira

A self-fertile variety with vigorous, upright growth. Produces medium sized berries with good color and flavor that ripen mid to late season. Plants can tolerate higher than normal pH levels compared to other Rabbiteye cultivars. Mature height: 4'-6', Mature width: 4'-6'. Chilling period: 600-700 hours.

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Blueberries - Rabbiteye (*Vaccinium ashei*)

Ochlockonee

A late season blueberry with vigorous, upright growth and narrow crowns. Consistently produces high yields of large, sweet berries comparable to Tifblue. Requires a longer chilling period than most varieties. Powder Blue and Brightwell are good companion plantings. Mature height: 5'-8', Mature width: 6'-8'. Chilling period: 650-700 hours.

Onslow

Produces some of the largest berries of any Rabbiteye cultivar. Self-fertile with a robust growth habit. Berries are bright blue with nice aromatic flavor and ripen mid to late season. Has a broad adaptation to different soil conditions and higher pH. Mature height: 6'-8'; Mature width: 6'-8'. Chilling period: 500-600 hours.

Powder Blue

Highly productive late-season cultivar that yields an abundance of medium-sized, light blue berries with sweet flavor. Grows upright. Plant with Tifblue or Brightwell for best pollination results. Mature height: 8'-10', Mature width: 8'-10'. Chilling period: 600-650 hours.

Premier

Produces large yields of medium to large sized berries with excellent flavor. Early to mid-season ripening. Climax is a good choice for cross-pollination. Mature height: 6'-8', Mature width: 6'-8'. Chilling period: 550-600 hours.

Southland

Consistently yields quality fruit throughout the growing season. Produces large berries concentrated on the interior canes that ripen mid to late season. Plant growth is upright and compact. Mature height: 5'-6', Mature width: 4'-6'. Chilling period: 500-550 hours.

Tifblue

The standard for Rabbiteye comparison. This cultivar has proven to produce copious amounts of sweet, flavorful berries season after season. Fruits must be allowed to fully ripen, or they will be tart. Not only does Tifblue yield quality fruit, but it also has beautiful fall color. Tolerates early and late freezes better than most other Rabbiteyes. Pairs well with Brightwell or Powder Blue. Mature height: 8'-12', Mature width: 10'-12'. Chilling period: 600-650 hours.

Blueberries - Highbush (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Highbush blueberries prefer acidic, well drained, loamy soil with a pH ranging from 4.5-5.5. They are mostly self-pollinating but perform better and produce larger yields when planted with a companion. Plant in full sun.

Duke

A very handsome shrub that provides 3 season interest in the garden. Dainty pink/white flowers form in late spring and transform into large, tangy-sweet berries that can near the size of quarters. In fall it puts on a lovely display of orange and yellow foliage. Early ripening with consistently high yields. Mature height: 5'-7', Mature width: 5'-7'. Zones 4-7.

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Blueberries – Highbush (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)

Elliott

These berries ripen later than almost any other blueberry variety, continuing to fruit into September. Perfect for expanding your harvesting season. Allow berries to fully ripen for their best flavor. The plant grows vigorously and upright and has attractive burgundy stems that stand out during winter months. Mature height: 4'-6', Mature width: 4'-6'. Zones 4-7.

Legacy

One of the best performers on taste tests. Berries are medium to large with superior sweetness and flavor. A late season harvest, but high yields make it worth the wait. Requires annual pruning to maintain an upright form. Mature height: 4'-6', Mature width: 3'-4'. Zones 5-8.

O'Neal

One of the earliest blueberries to ripen. Enjoy yields of large, deliciously sweet berries early in the season. Considered one of the best tasting cultivars among Southern Highbush varieties. Attractive grey-green summer foliage turns a bright red during the winter months. Mature height: 5'-6', Mature width: 4'-5'. Zones 5-9.

Elderberries (*Sambucus nigra*)

Samdal

A European cultivar from Denmark. Plants send out new shoots from the base each year, with berries forming on second year wood. To maintain productivity, prune out old wood once fruit has been harvested. Clusters of dark purple berries rich in anthocyanins ripen in August. Mature height: 10'-12', Mature width: 3'-5'. Full Sun/Partial Shade. Zones 3-7.

Samyl

A companion to Samdal. Similar growth habit and fruit quality, but Samyl has particularly nice flowers. Growing both together is suggested for best cross-pollination results. Mature height: 10'-12', Mature width: 3'-5'. Full Sun/Partial Shade. Zones 3-7.

Figs (*Ficus carica*)

Black Mission

The most productive variety of fig. Not only does it take very little time for this tree to start bearing fruit, but it also produces two harvests per year. Fruits are very dark purple with juicy pink centers bursting with flavor. Plant in well-drained soil and provide plenty of water until established. Trees may require more water in times of extreme heat. If planted in a container, bring indoors during the coldest parts of winter. Cold hardy to 10° F. Full Sun/Partial Shade. Mature height: 10'-20', Mature width: 10'-20'. Zones 7-10.

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Brown Turkey

Classic, standard fig. Two harvests per year make this a desirable cultivar, with the second harvest bearing a more robust crop with larger, better quality fruit. Fruits are brownish purple with rich, sweet flavor. Prefers loamy soil and requires moderate watering, especially during the hottest summer months. Cold hardy to 10° F. Full Sun. Mature height: 10'-20', Mature width: 10'-20'. Zones 7-9.

Celeste

Known for its delectably sweet fruit, Celeste is often referred to as the Sugar Fig. This tree ripens its fruit earlier than other varieties, so you can harvest before the hot summer months when unripe fruits tend to drop. The fruits' tightly closed "eye" make it resistant to pests and splitting. Needs some winter protection, but generally is hardy down to 10° F. Full Sun. Mature height: 10'-15', Mature width: 10'-15'. Zones 6-9.

Chicago Hardy

As its name suggests, Chicago Hardy figs can tolerate colder climates better than other fig varieties, surviving temperatures as low as -10° F. Fruits are medium in size with a dark mahogany color, strawberry colored flesh, and a nice sweet flavor. Like all figs, plant in loamy soil and water regularly until established. Generally, drought and heat resistant, but may need more watering in hotter climates. Full Sun/Partial Shade. Mature height: 10'-15', Mature width: 9'-12'. Zones 5-10.

Raspberries (*Rubus* x)

Anne (Yellow)

Everbearing variety that produces an abundance of pale-yellow berries with delicious sweet flavor from late August through October. Fruits are large with good firmness which make them great for using fresh or freezing. Bears fruit during the first planting year. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-9.

Bristol (Black)

Large, glossy black berries with excellent firmness. Good for eating fresh, freezing, or making preserves. Canes grow upright and vigorously, so staking isn't necessary. Fruits ripen midseason (around July) and have a mild, sweet flavor. Has some resistance to powdery mildew. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-8.

Caroline

Widely considered one of the best tasting red raspberries. Produces huge crops of large, juicy berries packed with intense, rich flavor. Everbearing, with floricanes ripening in July and primocane berries ripening in September. Performs very well in Southern climates. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-7.

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Double Gold (Yellow)

Beautiful, unique, blush colored berries with superior flavor and sweetness. Fruit is medium in size with a distinctly conical shape. Popular at farmers' markets and for home gardeners, but less suited for commercial shipping. Named for its double-bearing harvest, with the first crop ripening in July and the second in September. Resistant to Phytophthora root rot and several foliar diseases. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 5-8.

Heritage

Considered the standard for red raspberry production. Good size, color, and flavor. Berries form during the first year of planting and produce two harvests per season, the second yielding more than the first. Fruit ripens from midsummer until frost. Adaptable to a variety of soil qualities. Resistant to most known raspberry diseases. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-8.

Joan J

A thornless variety that produces large berries with delicious flavor that practically fall off when fully ripened, so harvesting is a breeze! Fruits hold their firmness after harvest, which make them great for commercial shipping and freezing. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-8.

Polana

Ripens earlier than other everbearing varieties. A good choice if early frost is a concern. Produces high yields of medium to large sized berries that are glossy in appearance with a nice sweet flavor. Plants are short and compact and require extra fertilizer in early summer for best results. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 3-8.

Royalty (Purple)

Huge yields of luscious purple berries with intense sweet flavor make this one of the most popular varieties on the market. Color never fades even when canned or frozen. Berries can be harvested slightly immature as red and will have more firmness to them. Plants grow vigorously with minimal suckering. Late-season ripening help it avoid spring frosts. Resistant to insects including raspberry aphid. Full sun; Well-drained soil. Zones 4-8.

Strawberries (*Fragaria ananassa*)

Earliglow

Ripens earlier than other strawberries, usually in June. A popular variety for "pick-your-own" vendors. Berries are uniformly large with glossy, dark red flesh and delectably sweet flavor. Resistant to red stele and verticillium wilt. Full sun. Zones 4-8.

Jewel

Praised for its outstanding flavor and impressively large berries. Beautiful, glossy red, firm, and sugary sweet. These picturesque berries are well suited for fruit arrangements and can handle the brunt of shipping. Full sun. Zones 4-8.

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Ozark Beauty

Ozark Beauty produces the largest crops of strawberry over any other everbearing cultivar. Enjoy continuous, large harvests of juicy, bright red berries from summer through fall! Grows vigorously and requires very little maintenance. Full sun. Zones 4-8.

Seascape

This high-yielding day-neutral cultivar sets flowers about three months after planting, regardless of the time of year, and continues producing fruit until the first frost. Berries are large, firm, and have some of the best flavor of any other everbearing variety. Like other strawberries, Seascape works well as a groundcover or planted in containers. Full sun. Zones 4-8.