



BLUEBERRY LIST 2023

Blueberries are self-fruitful however, with two or more cultivars, cross-pollination produces fruit that ripens earlier and is larger.

Blueberries require an acid soil with the pH in the range of 4.5 to 5.5 for best results. Because of their shallow, fibrous root systems, blueberries require a soil that is uniformly moist, but not saturated. Heavy poorly drained soils should be avoided. They are attractive both while in flowering and fruiting stages. The brilliant fall colors, ranging from orange, scarlet and red, along with the rugged appearance add to the value of the landscape.

AVAILABLE CULTIVARS

Chippewa Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Chippewa') - Fruit ripens a week earlier than 'Northblue.' A sweeter berry and more upright in growth habit than 'Northblue' but with yields as high. A good plant for the home gardener with large, dark blue fruit and good flavor. Glossy, dark green leaves turn bright red in the fall. Shown to be reliable to zone 3, but will produce larger yields in higher zones, Zones 3-7

Northblue Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Northblue') - Plants are short stature, growing 2'-3' in height, fruit is dark blue, large and attractive with a good blueberry flavor and a pleasing sugar to acid ratio, glossy, dark green leaves turn to a deep red in the fall, a good plant for the home gardener in colder zones, Zones 3-8

Northcountry Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Northcountry') - Plants are larger and more productive than 'Northsky', recommended for commercial plantings and home gardens, fruit 1/2" in diameter with an attractive sky blue color, flavor is sweet and mild, mature plants are 18-24" in height, 30-40" in diameter, fruits approximately 5 days earlier than 'Northblue' and extends for 2-3 weeks, Zones 3-8

Northland Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Northland') - This cultivar was hybridized to adapt to northern Michigan, fruit size is small, dark blue and has a wild berry flavor, mature plants are 3'-4'. Limber branches that do not break under heavy snow, adapts well to sub zero climates, great for ornamental use, low stature and spreading growth, beautiful foliage throughout the growing season. Zones 4-7

Patriot Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Patriot') - Fruit is very large, firm and has small, dry recessed scars, the berry is formed on tight clusters and it tends to be flatter than the other cultivars, ripens early, excellent flavor, bush is upright, open and vigorous, excellent landscape variety with showy white blooms in the spring, dark green foliage in the summer and fiery orange fall colors. Grows to heights of 4-6' and similar width. Zones 4-8

Polaris Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Polaris') - A very aromatic, firm berry with excellent flavor. Fruit will store up to 6-8 weeks. Fruit is slightly smaller than 'Northblue' with heights around 3' and 2' width. Shown to be a reliable choice for home use in zone 3, but will produce larger yields in higher zones. Zones 3-7