



BLUEBERRY VARIETIES

Blueberries are self-fruitful however, when two or more cultivars are present, 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

Friendship Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Friendship') - Native blueberry, vigorous grower with upright habit and strong producer of medium size sky-blue fruit, 4 feet tall and 2 feet wide, Zones 2-8 - **POTS ONLY**

***Northblue Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Northblue')** - Introduced in 1983, plants are short stature, growing 3-4' 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')** - A sibling of 'Northsky' introduced in 1988, 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 feet. 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 and firm, The berry is formed on tight clusters and is flatter than other cultivars, ripens early, excellent flavor, bush is upright, open and vigorous, 4-6' tall, Zones 4-8

Polaris Blueberry (Vaccinium 'Northblue') - Noted for its aromatic, firm fruit, excellent flavor, 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide, Zones 2-8 - **POTS ONLY**

Superior (Vaccinium 'Superior') - A very productive cultivar with firm berries that are light to medium blue, having flavor that is balanced and pleasant, matures the majority of its fruit about 1 week later than other blueberry varieties, 3-5' tall, Zones 3-7 - **POTS ONLY**