BLUEBERRIES 2024

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NAME	10YR SIZE	CHARACTERISTICS	
EARLY SEASON			
BLUE RIBBON	4-6'hxw	Large berry with good shelf life	
DUKE	4-6'hxw	Productive plant, large berry. Popular for Puget Sound	
EARLIBLUE	4-6'hxw	Sweet & juicy medium-large berry	
MISTY	4-6'hxw	Sweet spicy medium-large berry; semi-evergreen	
PATRIOT	5-6'hxw	Ripens early & bears consistent crops of large fruit	
REKA	4-6'hxw	Excellent rich flavor medium-large berry	
SPARTAN	4-6'hxw	Robust & fruity large berry	
MID SEASON			
BERRYBUX	2-3'hxw	Boxwood appearance with tasty blueberries	
BLUECROP	4-6'hxw	Classic sweet large berry	
BLUEGOLD	3-5'hxw	Delicately sweet medium-large berry	
BLUERAY	4-6'hxw	Hi yielding large sweet berry. Semi-evergreen.	
CABERNET SPLASH	4'hxw	Burgundy foliage with sweet medium sized berries	
DRAPER	4-5'hxw	Firm & robust berries; compact plant	
EMERALD	5-6'hxw	Prolific berries for this Southern highbush variety. Semi-Evergreen	
JELLY BEAN	1-2'hxw	Super sweet, large berries; dwarf plant	
JEWEL	5-7'hxw	Large tangy berry	
NORTHLAND	4-7'hxw	Sweet & Productive Large berry	
PATRIOT	4-7'hxw	Classic flavor. Partially self fertile.	
PEACH SORBET	2'hxw	Sweet blueberries w/evergreen foliage; compact plant	
RAZZ	6'hxw	Sweet medium sized berry. Taste resembles a huckleberry	
SAPPHIRE CASCADE	1-2'hxw	Weeping blueberry. Partially self fertile. Classic flavor	
STAR	6-8'hxw	Great commercial crop	
SWEETHEART	3-5'hxw	Re-fruiting. Sweet berries in summer and fall	
TOP HAT	1-2'hxw	Delicious med-sized light blue fruit; dwarf habit	
TOP SHELF	4-6'hxw	High producer with large and flavorful berry	
TORO	4-6'hxw	Mildly sweet extra large berry	
MID-LATE SEASON			
CHANDLER	5-7'hxw	Full robust large berry. Popular for Puget Sound	
MIDNIGHT CASCADE	1-2'hxw	Weeping blueberry. Partially self fertile. Hint of vanilla	
PINK LEMONADE	4-5'hxw	Deliciously sweet and mild w/firm texture	
SILVER DOLLAR	2-3'hxw	Eucalyptus-like foliage with pineapple flavored blueberries	
SUNSHINE BLUE	3-4'hxw	Rich sweet medium berry. Semi evergreen. Nursery favorite	
LATE SEASON			
AURORA	5-5'hxw	Large delicious berry	
DARROW	4-6'hxw	Tart juicy robust large berry	
ELLIOTT	4-6'hxw	Zesty medium-large berry	
JERSEY	6-8'hxw	Spicy distinctive old time blueberry flavor	
JUBILEE	4-5'hxw	Medium super sweet berry. Semi-evergreen	
LEGACY	4-6'hxw	Med-Lg robust flavored. Semi-evergreen	
LIBERTY	7-8'hxw	Balanced robust juicy large berry	
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HOW TO GROW BLUEBERRIES

The Pacific NW climate and soils are perfect for growing this versatile plant. Make sure to choose a site that has as much sun as possible. Blueberries can tolerate some shade, but not too much as the vigor of the plant and fruit production declines. Plants should be spaced 2'-6' apart (or same distance as the height of the plant). Most varieties are high bush and grow around 4-6' tall. Count on 5-15 pounds of berries per plant depending on variety. Blueberries can tolerate wet feet in winter.

Our PNW soils are acidic – perfect for blueberries! Still, add ample organic matter to maintain high moisture content throughout the summer. Amend an area 4'x4' around each plant, rather than just in the planting hole. You can also use your amendment as mulch around the base of the root zone to protect roots from drying out and minimizing weed growth.

Blueberries are easy to care for. As with rhododendrons, they like consistent, even soil moisture. A little summer watering is normally needed, since they have shallow roots. Watering at the base will get the moisture where the plant needs it most and will minimize fungus problems on the foliage. Use light surface application of rhododendron fertilizer, ammonium sulfate or cottonseed meal in March and again in May.

After the first year, follow these pruning steps in February or March:

1) Remove low growth around the base.

2) Remove the dead & twiggy wood. Keep the brightly colored wood with long laterals (at least 3 inches). Cut out any short, discolored branches.

3) Remove blotchy colored short growth.

4) Continue pruning until you have removed 1/3 to ½ of the wood out of your plants each year. This will promote growth and berry production.

