



# Blueberries

*NUTRITIONISTS CONSIDER BLUEBERRIES A SUPER FOOD*

Blueberries are a favorite for the back yard gardener. They are essentially simple to care for, trouble-free, easy to grow and last a lifetime. Their attractive foliage makes an outstanding appearance in any landscape and their nutritious fruit is a delicious bonus.



## types

There are two ways blueberries grow. Bluecrop is a very adaptable hedge with an open habit with willowy canes. Blueray is a hardy, upright hedge bearing fruit in tight clusters. Both are popular, mid-season varieties bearing large fruit.

## planting

Mix 5 gallons of sphagnum peat moss combined with soil for the root zone of each plant. Dig a hole 12" deep and 24" wide. Place the plant so that it sits at the established level once the soil is settled.

## growing

**Growth:** Varieties grow approximately 48" in a compact hedge with a 36" spread.

**Water:** Keep moist and water during extremely dry periods.

**Light:** Prefers full sun, but will tolerate partial shade.

**Soil:** Well-drained and mulch helps to retain moisture.

**Food:** Any fertilizer for acid-loving plants. Blueberries prefer a time-release complete product with 5 to 15 oz. placed around the root zone at the beginning of the growing season.

Blueberries are semi-fertile. We recommend two varieties for better production.

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**Berkley:** Medium to large, powder blue. Firm with slight aroma, less acid than most. Vigorous, spreading bush. Ripens: Mid to late.

**Blue Crop:** Large, bright blue. Good dessert quality. Slight aroma. Upright bush. Ripens: Mid season.

**Blueray:** Large, bright blue. Old favorite, outstanding dessert flavor. Upright bush. Ripens: Early to mid season.

**Duke:** Medium to large, bright blue. Mildly tart flavor. Consistent producer. Upright bush. Ripens: Early July.

**Earliblue:** Large, light blue. Mild sweet flavor. Upright bush. Ripens: June.



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