



Species: *Rubus occidentalis*

(rue'bus ok-sih-den-ta'lis)

Blackcap Raspberry

Cultivar Information

The few straight cultivars of this species are listed below. That said there are many hybrids of this species with *R. idaeus*. Essentially any of the agriculturally planted black or purple raspberries on the market have *R. occidentalis* as a parent. This plant is an aggressive native that produces delicious black fruits and is not susceptible to juglone (a growth inhibitor produced by *Juglans* species) unlike red raspberries.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 3' - 6' (to 10')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: suckering shrub

Ornamental Other:

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: thorns; edible fruit

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native of Eastern N. America

Cultivars for *Rubus occidentalis*Showing **1-3** of **3** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Bristol	'Bristol' - mid-season producer; excellent flavor; one berry crop each year is produced in early summer
Munger	'Munger' - fewer seeds than species; large, firm, juicy fruits; fruits ripen in August (later than species); self-pollinating
Jewel	'Jewel' - vigorous and erect form; large fruits with excellent flavor; fruits ripen early; canes are purplish red

Photos



Rubus occidentalis fruit



Rubus occidentalis leaves



Rubus occidentalis plant



Rubus occidentalis stem



Rubus occidentalis Bark ED



Rubus occidentalis Flower ED



Rubus occidentalis Full Plant ED



Rubus occidentalis Leaf ED