



Species: *Vaccinium corymbosum*

(vak-sin'i-um cor-im-boe'sum)

Highbush Blueberry

Cultivar Information

Many cultivars have been selected for variation in fruit traits and plant growth habit. Listed below with abbreviated descriptions are some of the more common forms. To obtain efficient pollination, more than one variety should be planted.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 6' - 12' (spread 8' - 12')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: spreading shrub

Ornamental Other: native to swampy soils

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4b

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: delicate white or pink-tinged flowers in May; sweet, edible blue berries; blue-green leaves turn yellow/bronze/orange/red in fall; twigs turn red in winter

Insect Disease

many diseases though none serious

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

transplant B & B or from container, native to Eastern US.

Cultivars for *Vaccinium corymbosum*Showing **1-9** of **9** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Bluecrop	'Bluecrop' - spreading habit; one of the best fruiting cultivars; plant bears immense quantities of flavorful, light blue, medium-large fruit; vigorous; more cold hardy and drought tolerant than species; 'Blueray' is a good choice for pollination
Blueray	'Blueray' - compact, upright form; large slightly tart fruit; glossy green foliage turns red in fall color; reddish winter stems; Use 'Bluecrop' as a planting combination for pollination
Jersey	'Jersey' - upright habit; old variety, still probably the most common form available; large and sweet when ripe fruits; superior hardiness
North Blue	'North Blue' - dwarf form; self-fruitful variety; large, sweet fruits; grows to 3' tall
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Patriot	'Patriot' - upright grower; bears early fruit the size of a quarter
Rubel	'Rubel' - upright habit; very hardy from; bears sweet fruit mid-season; red fall color; strong-grower to 7' tall
Sunshine Blue	'Sunshine Blue' - self-pollinating; pink blooms; sweet, deep blue berries; grows to 4' tall and wide
Aurora	'Aurora' - produces fruit in very late season, considered to be a fall bearing plant; grows to 4-6' tall; fall color yellow-orange to red and purple; reddish stems

Photos



Vaccinium corymbosum - Leaves, Fruit



Vaccinium corymbosum - Habit



Vaccinium corymbosum - Bark



Vaccinium corymbosum - Leaves, Fruit



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Vaccinium corymbosum - Leaves, Bark



Vaccinium corymbosum - Bud



Vaccinium corymbosum - Habit