



Blueberry Varieties

Northern Highbush Blueberries: High chill varieties and the most widely planted blueberries, popular with home gardeners. Fall foliage colors and unique winter wood tones compliment gardens and home landscapes. The berries range in size from ¼" to over 1" in diameter, and in color from almost black to light powder blue. Northern Highbush require a minimum of 800 chilling hours for proper fruit set. All cultivars are self-pollinizing but will produce better crops if more than one variety is planted.

- **Bluecrop** is considered the best all around variety for adaptability, long production period, high yield fruit and disease resistance. There are other varieties with better ornamental value but few perform better in the garden. Bluecrop is perhaps the most widely planted variety in the U.S.

Zone 4-7
Bush habit:

Season: Mid
mature 4-6 ft / Upright Open

Flavor: Classic Sweet
Fall color: Red

- **Darrow** boasts one of the largest berries of all cultivars, yielding fruit that will cover a quarter. The berries are slightly flat and light blue with a memorable robust flavor, making them well worth every gardener's effort.

Zone: 5-7
Bush habit:

Season: Late
mature 4-6 ft / Upright

Flavor: Fully Juicy Robust
Fall color: Orange, Red

- **Earliblue** is the first to ripen and early to bloom. This upright bush produces stout canes with bright red wood, while displaying large glossy green leaves in the summer and brilliant mixed red colors in the fall. Berries are light blue and large in size. Plant where blueberries are well suited and avoid frost pockets.

Zone: 5-7
Bush habit:

Season: Very Early
mature 4-6 ft / Upright

Flavor: Sweet & Juicy
Fall color: Red, Burgundy

- **Toro** has easy to pick berries that hang like grapes from the stocky bush. Not as fast a grower as some varieties, but Toro has outstanding ornamental qualities. The flowers turn from hot pink to bright white and contrast nicely with the bronze colored spring foliage. Deep green summer foliage turns to the brightest of reds in the fall.

Zone: 4-7
Bush habit:

Season: Mid
4-6 ft / Stocky Upright

Flavor: Mildly Sweet
Fall color: Crimson Red, Yellow

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Southern Highbush Blueberries: Low chill varieties. Southern Highbush are specifically hybridized for superior fruit, soil adaptability, heat tolerance and low winter chilling. Most are self-pollinizing, but the berries will be larger if two varieties are planted together. These varieties have low winter chilling requirements. "Chilling" is a measure of accumulated hours of temperatures below 45°F in the dormant season.

- **Emerald** yields abundant crops of the largest Southern Highbush berries with a mild, sweet flavor. Its rounded, spreading bush habit make it a great landscape plant. Dependable in southern climates with a low chill requirement of 250 hours.

Season: Mid	Flavor: Mildly Sweet	
Bush habit:	5-6 ft / Rounded Spreading	Fall color: Green

- **Sunshine Blue** tolerates higher pH soils better than many other blueberries and it is self-pollinizing. This semi-dwarf, versatile evergreen blueberry features showy hot pink flowers that fade to white in spring, yielding large crops of delicious berries. It is surprisingly cold-hardy and a wonderful addition to our patios and gardens. Low chill requirement of 150 hours.

Zone 5-10	Season: Mid-Late	Flavor: Rich Sweet
Bush habit:	3 ft / Upright Compact	Fall color: Blue Green, Burgundy

Half-High Blueberry: Crosses of Northern Highbush and Lowbush selections from the wild. Fruit yields are generally lower than Highbush varieties but berry quality is very good. Bred for exceptional cold hardiness but are truly outstanding ornamental landscape plants wherever they are grown. Amazing fall color.

- **Chippewa** is a variety developed in Minnesota. Berries are sky blue and the largest of all Half-High varieties. Chippewa variety is excellent for container pot or patio plant.

Zone: 3-7	Season: Mid	Flavor: Smoothly Sweet
Bush habit:	3-4 ft / Compact Upright	Fall color: Red

Vaccinium Specialty Blueberry / Wild Lowbush: Short in stature and unlike their Highbush cousins, may spread with underground stems. A mature planting can form a dense ground cover. Profuse white blooms yield small sized light blue fruit with the distinctive "wild" blueberry flavor. Annual pruning is not necessary but they respond well if two-thirds of the growth is sheared back every second or third year in late winter. Great for landscape borders and these plants will attract wildlife.

- **Top Hat** is perfect for defined border plantings or growing in patio containers. It also makes an excellent candidate for a bonsai project. Plentiful white blooms in spring give way to attractive light blueberries that are pea sized and larger.

Zone: 3-7	Season: Mid	Flavor: Wild	
Bush habit: 1-2 ft / Globe		Fall color: Yellow, Orange	3/2011