

Painters Greenhouse - Vaccinium sp. - Pollinators - Fall 2023

	Pink Lemonade	Premier	Climax	Tifblue	Biloxi	Misty	Bluegold	Jersey	Reka	Blue Crop	Chandler	Duke	Elliott	Patriot	Northland	Northblue	Blueberry Season June - early August	What part of the season is fruit ripe?
Pink Lemonade	•	•	•	•													Mid	Mid
Premier	•	•	•	•													Early	Early
Climax	•	•	•	•													Early	Early
Tifblue	•	•	•														Mid - Late	Mid - Late
Biloxi					•												Mid	Mid
Misty					•												Early	Early
Bluegold							•					•	•				Mid	Mid
Jersey							•					•	•				Late	Late
Reka												•	•				Early	Early
Blue Crop										•			•				Mid	Mid
Chandler											•						Mid - Late	Mid - Late
Duke												•					Early	Early
Elliott													•				Late	Late
Patriot														•			Early	Early
Northland															•		Mid - Late	Mid - Late
Northblue																•	Mid	Mid

**GENERAL BLUEBERRY CARE:**  
**Soil:** Moist, well drained, plentiful organic matter, acidic (pH 4.5-5.5).  
**Mulch** with pine chips.  
**Light:** 6+ hrs of sunlight a day - full sun/part shade  
**Pruning:** Prune bushes after fruit is harvested  
**Spacing:** Highbush and Rabokeyes - Plant 6' apart.  
 Half-high - plant 3' apart.  
 Inter-mix varieties if bush is not self-fruitful.  
**Chill hours:** The number of hours needed below 45 degrees in winter for fruit production.  
 Ex: AVL = 1500-1800hrs, CLT = 1200-1300hrs.

KEY	• = Self-fruitful	• = Compatible pollinator
Rabobiteye	V. ashei - Better adapted to the southern states, zones (7)8-9. Upright growth, generally 8-10' tall.	
N. Highbush	V. corymbosum - Require high number of chill hrs, cold hardy, zones 3-7(8). Height up to 6-8'. Fruit ripens July - August	
Hybrid: S. Highbush	Hybrid between N. Highbush and Southern raboiteye - fruits earlier than N. Highbush and requires less chill hrs. Zones 5-10	
Hybrid: Half-high	Hybrid between Highbush and wild Lowbush - 3-4' tall, zones 3-7.	