

Painters Greenhouse - Vaccinium sp. - Pollinators - Fall 2024

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

**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 Rabbiteyes - 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
Rabbiteye	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 rabbiteye - 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.	
Lowbush	V. angustifolium - produce small berries, most varieties <2', zones 3-7.	