

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
Premier	•			•													Early
Climax																	Early
Tifblue	•	•															Mid - Late
Biloxi					★	•											Mid
Misty					•												Early
Bluegold							★	•				•	•				Mid
Jersey							•			•	•	•	•				Late
Reka								•	•	•		•	•	•			Early
Blue Crop								•	•	★			•	•			Mid
Chandler								•			★			•			Mid - Late
Duke							•	•	•			★					Early
Elliott							•	•	•	•			★				Late
Patriot								•	•	•				★	•		Early
Northland														•	★		Mid - Late
Northblue															★		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 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.	