

BLUEBERRY BUSHES AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Perennial fruit bushes
- Bloom in spring; fruit in summer
- Attractive foliage in fall
- Buy as 2-3 year old potted plants or bare root
- Can live up to 30 years

STATS

- Four main types: highbush, lowbush, hybrid half-high, and rabbiteye
- Size will depend on variety
- Space 4-5 feet apart
- Some are self-pollinating but others need a different cultivator
- Will reach maximum output starting around year five after planting
- Plant reach full mature size in about 10 years

REQUIREMENTS

- Zones depend on type
- Require full sun location
- Soil pH between 4.0-5.0
- Well-draining, loose soil
- Soil or outside temps

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Plant in the spring
- Dig hole twice the size of the root ball and few inches deeper
- Amend soil if needed with compost or soil acidifier if needed
- Add plant to hole, spreading out roots
- Water well; Backfill soil
- Mulch heavily around plants with pine needles or other pine bark materials



MAINTENANCE

- Water weekly with 1-2" water for first year; Only during dry spells after
- Fertilize after plants are done producing fruit with 10-10-10 fertilizer or compost
- Trim after a couple years, removing dead and diseased branches and those touching the soil

ISSUES

- Keep eye out for birds and other wildlife that like to eat berries. Add bird netting before fruit starts ripening and remove after harvesting is done



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