

Grow your own delicious Blueberries

Blueberries are very healthy; rich in anti-oxidants, vitamins and fibre. Simply delicious for fresh eating or for baking Blueberry cakes, muffins and pies. You can even freeze blueberries and use them later.

Growing Blueberries is as easy as pie. Blueberries thrive when grown in pots and this is the easiest way to Blueberry success. To do this, pot Blueberries using Dawson's Premium Potting Mix. Feed pot grown Blueberries with a long term slow release fertilizer like Apex. Blueberries have a shallow root system and appreciate moist soils, so regular watering is required over the warmer months. The aim is to provide consistent levels of moisture. Blueberries will grow in full sun to light semi shade conditions. It's not unusual for some leaves to burn in very hot conditions.



Blueberries, begin fruiting from an early age, 1-2 years, and will provide 20 years or more of tasty fruit. Fruit mainly matures over December and January and occasionally later. Blueberries are best hand-picked, as individual fruits, while growing in clusters will mature at different times. Once berries have changed to a deep blue-black colour, the darker the better, they are ready to harvest. Blueberries require quite acidic soils, preferably PH 4-5, so growing them in Perth's limey sands can be tricky. To grow them in the ground, Blueberries will need the same sort of soil preparation as for Azaleas and Camellias. Blend Dawson's Organic Soil Improver and pine fines thoroughly with your garden soil at the rate of 1 part Soil Improver, 1 part pine fines with two parts of soil. Blend about 20 g of Slow Release fertiliser into the backfill soil at planting time. The addition of Soil wetting agents like Aqua-Wett and a good thick layer of pine-based mulch will also be beneficial. Blueberries grown in the ground are best fertilised in late winter and summer with Dawson's All Purpose Fertiliser or a Camellia and Azalea fertiliser.

Dawson's preferred Blueberry variety is **Sunshine Blue**. This is an excellent, hardy, low chill variety well suited to our mild winters. **Sunshine Blue** is a prolific fruiting blueberry and its compact nature (growing to only 1m by 1m) means its well suited to growing in containers. It is a proven performer in Perth and its main fruiting period is from December to February.

Throughout the year all our stores will also occasionally stock other varieties such as **Blueberry Misty**, **Blueberry Sharpe** and **Blueberry Burst**.

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