

Small Fruit List at Patty's Plants 2010

1 gallon pots



Blackberry Ebony King, *Rubus 'Ebony King'*, is large and has delicious purple berries that are perfect for baking. Excellent berry for pies, cobblers, turnovers, topping ice cream, and added to cereal. Ebony King's upright thornless canes bear fruit in summer before hot days set in. After they have finished fruiting, the canes should be pruned away at the base. Plants flower around the start of summer and fruit ripens about mid-July. 3-4' Full sun. Zone: 5



Blueberry Bluecrop High-bush Mid-season Blueberry *Vaccinium corymbosum* is considered one of the "gold standards" of blueberry varieties. It not only is a leading commercial variety, but it is one of the best varieties for the home garden too. It ripens in the main season in Michigan, starting in mid-July through mid-August. It has large, firm, bright blue berries that are great for fresh eating, preserves, baking and freezing. It is a prodigious producer with 12-20 pounds of fruit per bush when mature. It ripens over a month long period and maintains good size. It is hardy and frost resistant. It does not produce spectacular fall foliage like other varieties, but more than makes up for it with its huge crops of quality fruit. 3-4' zone 3-7

Blueberry, Northland *Vaccinium 'Northland'*, has small dark blue fruit that has an excellent, wild berry flavor. Clusters of dainty, waxy, bell-shaped, white flowers bloom in spring. Flowers are followed by tasty blue berries, which ripen in summer. Northland has bright green leaves that turn orange in fall. Reddish stems can be attractive in winter. This is the most cold-hardy highbush variety grown. It is a great plant for ornamental use because of its low, spreading habit. It is effective in shrub borders or as part of less formal shrub plantings in areas such as native plant gardens or open woodlands. Fruit size is small and has a wild berry flavor. It has limber branches which do not break under heavy snow loads and adapts well to the sub zero climate. It is self-pollinating. It likes an organically rich, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. The shallow, fibrous roots need constant moisture and good drainage. Plants appreciate a good organic mulch. Although blueberries are self-fertile, cross-pollination produces the best fruit crop. Prune early before spring growth. 3-4' Zone 4-7



Raspberry, 'Rubus 'Heritage', has medium-sized red berries that have very good flavor and quality. It is exceptional for fresh eating or for making pies and jams. The medium sized fruits have good color and flavor, firmness, and freezing quality. Heritage is an outstanding everbearing variety that produces a crop in mid-July and then again in early September. They are disease-resistant, highly productive, easy-to-grow and will bear fruit the first year. This was given the 2004 Outstanding Fruit Cultivar Award by the American Society of Horticultural Sciences. The berries are versatile and can be used as fresh fruit, in preserves, or in pies and pastries. They do best in full sun on non-alkaline, fertile loam soil. However, they may be grown in partial shade. Although a well-drained soil is essential for success, a sandy soil will need to have plenty of organic matter incorporated in preparation. Raspberries need a plentiful supply of moisture throughout the growing season. 3-4' Zone 4-8



Raspberry, 'Rubus 'Latham', is a popular red raspberry that produces large crops of big juicy berries. It makes a delicious jam or a dessert as well as for fresh eating. A sure cropper for home use, this variety starts ripening in July and continues to ripen over a long period of time. Latham is a hardy, older cultivar bearing somewhat crumbly fruits in fall and is suitable for intermountain regions. This raspberry has become a standard in early-bearing garden and pick-your-own operations. 3-4' Zone 4-8



Raspberry Logan, *Rubus strigosus* 'Logan', has black raspberries, affectionately known as "Blackcaps" by growers, that are native to North America. These uniquely flavored berries are popular in specialty foods, especially jams and ice cream, and are used as a coloring agent as well. The fruit is blue-black, round and small (2.0 g), and exhibits a whitish bloom on the exterior of the berry. Logan Raspberry has a distinct and moderately tart flavor, small seed and like the red raspberry, contains a hollow core. The bush will bear only on one-year-old stems. As soon as canes have produced fruit, prune them back to the ground to make room for the strong new canes. Additional pruning will be required to eliminate tangling and improve their ability to bear. Raspberry Logan is a very hardy and dependable producer. 3-4' Zone 4-7



Grape (Redish), *Vitis labrusca* 'Catawba', is a grape that is commonly used for wines, champagnes, jams/jellies and juice. The Catawba Grape has a very sweet taste that makes it perfect to serve fresh on the table. Grapes are fairly high maintenance plants but easily worth the additional time to care for the plant. Vines to 12' Zone 4-7



Grape, Vitis 'Concord', is a well-known, high quality blue-black grape that is delicious for fresh eating, juice, jelly or jam. Its berry size and clusters are medium to large. Good for home gardens because it is a reliable producer and vigorous grower. Ripening in late September, it is one of the oldest cultivated American grape varieties still commonly grown. The skin of a Concord grape is typically dark blue or purple, and often is covered with a lighter colored "bloom" which can be rubbed off. It is a slip-skin variety, meaning that the skin is easily separated from the fruit. It's best to train the stronger cane of the two canes that develop from the plant to a strong stake, five to six feet tall. Remove any suckers growing from the base of the canes. This grape tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, but must have good drainage. Vines to 12' +, Zone 4-7



Grape (White), *Vitis labrusca* 'Niagara', is a seedless grape that is commonly used for wines, champagnes, jams/jellies and juice. The Niagara Grape has a very sweet taste that makes it perfect to serve fresh on the table. Grapes are fairly high maintenance plants but easily worth the additional time to care for the plant. Vine to 12'+, Zone 4-7 It's best to train the stronger cane of the two canes that develop from the plant to a strong stake, five to six feet tall. Remove any suckers growing from the base of the canes. Vines to 12' +, Zone 4-7



These grapes tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, but must have good drainage. Grapes are primarily grown for fruit production in home fruit gardens where they provide good ornamental value: bold summer foliage, showy fruit, some fall color and shaggy, twisted trunking and branching often best seen in winter. Grapes need a good support system like fences, walls, trellises, arbors or other structures. The grape vines can be quite attractive year-round and can provide good cover, screening, or shade to areas around the home. Grapes need full sunlight and high temperatures to ripen, so plant on southern slopes, the south side of windbreaks, or the south sides of buildings.

Strawberry Ozark Beauty, *Fragaria x annanassa* 'Ozark Beauty', a spring planted herbaceous root, produces large fruit. It is an everbearing strawberry that produces berries that are semi firm, red clear through, and full of flavor. Great strawberry for eating fresh or freezing. The plants are vigorous, very productive and produces runners easily. It is resistant to leaf spot and leaf scorch. 5.8-6.2 ph soil, Zone 3-8



Strawberry Tarpan (*Fragaria X ananassa*)

Vigorous everbearing plants produce bright-red elongated fruit throughout the summer. Flowers are an unusual deep-rose colour. Best for hanging baskets or pots.



Strawberry Albion ever-bearing produce smaller amounts consistently throughout the production season. Albion has shown resistance to Verticillium wilt (*Verticillium dahliae*) and Phytophthora crown rot (*Phytophthora cactorum*). The fruit has outstanding flavor and attractive internal and external fruit color. Great in hanging baskets.

