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BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry

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Vaccinium 'Zf08095'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: V. corymbosum

Group/Class: Bushel and Berry Series

Description:

Pretty urn-shaped flowers in spring followed by extremely flavorful blue berries, on a neat, compact plant with a boxwood-like appearance (buxus); lovely red fall color; ideal for pots, window boxes, or the front of borders



BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Edible Qualities

BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry is a small shrub that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces clusters of deep purple round berries with a silvery blue blush which are typically harvested when mature. The berries have a tart taste and a firm texture.

The berries are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves



BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Features & Attributes

BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry features dainty clusters of creamy white bell-shaped flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. It features an abundance of magnificent deep purple berries with silvery blue blush in mid summer.

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This is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage. This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This shrub is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have sandy, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

BerryBux Lowbush Blueberry is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.