

Blueberry - Plant



Indian hawthorn

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Description Blueberry-Leaved Spirea is an erect shrub with rigid hoary branches. Leaves are 0.8-3 cm, usually elliptic and pointed at both ends, toothed. Nerves beneath are faint. Leaf-stalks are 4-6 mm, slender. White flowers are borne in dense corymbs. Flowers are small, 4 mm in diameter. Blueberry-Leaved Spirea is found in Western Himalayas.

Common name: Indian hawthorn

Color: green

Bloom time: May to June

Height: 4.00 to 6.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

If you purchased containerized blueberry plants, remove from pot and lightly roughen up the outside surface of the root ball. Mound the plant's top soil about 1/2 inch higher than the existing ground and firm around root ball. Then mound soil up along sides of exposed root mass and water in well.

Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Soil: Rich well-drained soil

Water: Medium

Temperature: 20 ° C to -25 ° C (-5 ° F to -13 ° F)

Fertilizer: Apply Any organic fertilizer

Care:

- Mulch to keep shallow blueberry root systems moist, which is essential.
- Apply a 2-4 inch layer of woodchips, saw dust or pine needles after planting.
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- Supply one to two inches of water per week.
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For the first four years after planting, there is no need to prune blueberry bushes.

- From then on, pruning is needed to stimulate growth of the new shoots that will bear fruit the following season.
- Drape netting over ripening blueberries, so that the birds won't make away with the entire crop.
- Prune plants in late winter, preferably just before growth begins.

• On highbush varieties, begin with large cuts, removing wood that is more than six years old, drooping to the ground, or crowding the center of the bush.

- Also remove low-growing branches whose fruit will touch the ground, as well as spindly twigs.

• Prune lowbush blueberries by cutting all stems to ground level.

- Pruned plants will not bear the season following pruning, so prune a different half of a planting every two years (or a different third of a planting every three years).

• Do not allow the bush to produce fruit for the first couple of years.

- Pinch back blossoms, this will help to stimulate growth.

Special Feature:

The most commonly planted blueberry is the highbush. Most blueberry breeding has focused on this species, so there are many varieties that range widely in cold hardiness and fruit season, size, and flavor.

Use

Culinary use:

- Blueberries are sold fresh or processed as individually quick frozen (IQF) fruit, purée, juice, or dried or infused berries.

Note:

No medicine use

Reference:

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/>