

# Kiowa Thornless Blackberry



## *Rubus fruticosus* 'Kiowa'

- **Use:** Kiowa is an extremely large berry and 10 can fill a half-pint container. The best quality and best firmness of all varieties. Long harvest season of 6 weeks. Heavy producer. 1996 University of Arkansas introduction. Thorny bush. Kiowa is a low chilling variety, probably as low as 200 hours.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This cultivar prefers sun and well-drained, moderately fertile soil, but unlike most other red raspberries does not require a cold winter and gradual spring to produce good fruit. Partial shade and a cool mulch may be beneficial.
- **Growth:** Grows 4-5' tall and wide. Canes are more erect than other thorn less varieties and can be grown without a trellis when primo canes are tipped at 42" to control primo cane length and encourage lateral shoot growth.
- **Hardiness:** 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; In spring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- **Flowers:** Early- to mid-season; very productive; large fruit size.

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