

Natchez Thornless Blackberry



Rubus fruticosus 'Natchez'

- **Use:** Growing your own berries is so easy and rewarding with these thornless blackberry plants. They are extremely hardy and are very vigorous plants. They bear superior quality, large, sweet, blackberries. The upright canes are self-supporting and the plants are tolerant of poor soil. Plants produce best in full sun in a well-drained spot. Considered one of the more winter hardy and productive thornless varieties available, it produces large, high-quality fruit that ripens in early to mid-August.
- **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:** Produces an impressive large fruit. This University of Arkansas hybrid is well known for early ripening date, consistent yields, and high fruit quality. 'Natchez' shows resistance to the fungal disease double blossom/rosette which hurt production in the South.