

# Ouachita Thornless Blackberry



## *Rubus fruticosus* 'Ouachita'

- **Use:** A high yielding variety with very good flavor and sweetness. This disease-resistant variety produces a generous crop of large, plump, sweet fruits on erect, thornless canes. It has excellent flavor and is very prolific. The Ouachita Blackberry has very upright and erect canes. The fruit storage and handling potential is very good.
- **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 thornless 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. Inspiring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- **Flowers:** The delicious, glossy-black berries are excellent eaten fresh, and popular for use in pies and preserves.

Growing your own berries is so easy and rewarding with these thornless blackberry plants.

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