

# Prime Ark Traveler Blackberry



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

## *Rubus fruticosus 'Prime Ark Traveler'*

- **Use:** The second thornless primocane-fruiting blackberry released by the University of Arkansas, Prime-Ark® Traveler, produces medium-large berries, with good yields and has excellent, vigorous plant. Berries are with good flavor and sweetness and lower acidity than other blackberries. Primocane-fruiting blackberries do better in areas with lower summer temperatures.
- **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:** Glossy fruit with high-quality flavor. Thornless canes have a vigorous, upright growth habit that makes berries easy to pick. Firm fruit holds up well compared to other blackberries; best for eating fresh, using in recipes, and offering at farmers' markets. Taste is delightfully sweet and sub-acid. First-year canes begin ripening in mid-July, while second-year canes bear heaviest crops in June. Continues to fruit until frost. Everbearing primocane. Early season. Self-pollinating.

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