

Vernon Rabbiteye Blueberry Bush



Early Season	Mid-Season	Late Season
Austin / Alapaha	Bluebelle	Baldwin
Becki Blue/	Brightwell	Centurion
Climax / Premier	Chaucer	Choice
Vernon/ Titan	Powderblue	Delite
Woodard	Tifblue	Ochlockonee

Vaccinium ashei 'Vernon'

- **Use:** An early season rabbiteye blueberry released in 2004. The variety has good yields and excellent plant vigor. Plants of Vernon flower relatively late (7 days after Climax in South Georgia), yet ripen early (at the same time, or before Climax and Premier). Berries of Vernon are large and have excellent firmness. Color and flavor are good, and dry scars contribute to good shelf life. The estimated chill requirement of the variety is 500 hours < 7 C (45 F). Vernon should be suitable for mechanical harvesting. The variety should be planted with other rabbiteye blueberries for cross pollination. Alapaha and Brightwell are recommended companion varieties.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers light, acid soils (pH 4.5-5.2) with high organic matter (20 -50%) are preferred, unlike most fruit crops.
- **Growth:** Moderate, 4-10' tall and wide; best if pruned.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; shrub
- **Pollination:** Plant more than one variety for cross-pollination to promote adequate fruit set. Also, choosing varieties from the different ripening categories provides a broad harvest season.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Bluish-green foliage.
- **Flower:** Berries are blue-black color; good fruit quality. Fruit mature in about 90 days from bloom. **More info from UGA on our website on the PLANT INFORMATION PAGE.**

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