

Snowbank Blackberry



The firm, juicy drupelets each look like a tiny polished pearl, making Snowbank as beautiful in a bowl or on a dessert plate as it is delicious. It stays whiter than comparable white blackberry varieties as it ripens, maintaining that stunning appearance through the full harvest window.

Rubus fruticosus 'Snowbank'

- **Use:** One of the most visually stunning and conversation-starting fruits you can grow — snow-white, translucent, milky berries whose tiny drupelets look like clusters of perfect pearls, ripening in late July with full, sweet blackberry flavor that surprises everyone who tastes them expecting something milder. Developed in 1916 by legendary plant breeder Luther Burbank as an improved form of his original white blackberry 'Iceberg', Snowbank retains its pristine color better than comparable varieties and delivers noticeably better flavor.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun (with irrigation) -light shade and a cool mulch may be beneficial. 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 to 6 feet tall with a 3 to 5-foot spread, featuring a vigorous, trailing growth habit. Tip the primocanes: Cut back new, fast-growing primocanes when they reach 3 to 4 feet high. This soft tipping stops vertical dominance and forces aggressive lateral branching for a bushier plant with more berries. Cut away spent floricanes all the way down to the soil line right after they finish fruiting to clear space and energy for new growth. 12 to 18 inches long, ensuring about 5 to 6 healthy buds remain on each lateral.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial Vine
- **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:** Creamy white drupelets (tiny fruit clusters) that look like pearls and do not stain clothes like dark blackberries. Self-pollinating.

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