

# Sweetie Pie Thornless Blackberry



## *Rubus fruticosus* 'Sweetie Pie'

- **Use:** Sweetie Pie Thornless Blackberry is a new cultivar bred in the South for southern growers. Sweetie Pie was tested in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas and performed remarkably well through hot and wet summers around the southeast. Vigorous plants produce many thornless floricanes that have a trailing habit.
- **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:** Zone 6-10; 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:** Enjoy high yields of glossy, medium-size, sweet blackberries. Thornless, heat-tolerant, disease-resistant variety

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